## **Notice of Exemption**

To:

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

**Project Title:** Upper Turner Ditch Cleanout Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-VEN-36858-R5).

**Project Location (include county):** The Project is located within the Santa Clara River, adjacent to 17847 South Mountain Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060, Ventura County (Assessor's Parcel No. 107-0-150-095).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-VEN-36858-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the South Mountain Water Group.

The Project is limited to the maintenance and operations of a surface water diversion/earthen channel in the upper portion of Turner Ditch (above the 12th Street Bridge). Maintenance activities include trenching a channel/earthen berm with an excavator. The diversion channel is approximately 1,800 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 5-7 feet deep.

Public Agency Approving Project: <u>CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE</u>

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: South Mountain Water Group

Exempt S	Status:
	Statutory Exemption.
$\boxtimes$	Categorical Exemption. Type - Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

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