

## Notice of Exemption

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**From:**  
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South Coast Region  
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**Project Title:** State Route 76 Culvert Rehabilitation and Asset Mgmt (Streambed Alteration Agreement, No. EPIMS-SDO-57968-R5)

**Project Location (San Diego County):** The Project is located between post miles (PM) 19.50 and 51.99 on State Route (SR) 76 in San Diego County in San Diego County, from 0.2 mile east of I-15 near Pala Mesa to 0.1 mile west of State Route 79 (SR-79) near Lake Henshaw. The project is located in the unincorporated communities of Pala Mesa, Pala, Pauma Valley, Rincon, and La Jolla Amago in San Diego County, State of California; Latitude 33.3436417, Longitude -117.1311313.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has extended Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SDO-57968-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to California Department of Transportation, District 11 (Permittee) as represented by Miyoko Nakajima.

The Project involves the removal and replacement of existing culverts, headwall replacements, invert paving, and repairs, access, staging, and foot traffic, at 15 stream locations. Project-related activities will result in no more than 1.26 acres of temporary impacts to stream channels.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** California Department of Transportation District 11

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

**Reasons why Project is exempt:** The Project consists of the replacement of culverts. No expansion of use is proposed. The Project is exempt because it involves the maintenance of existing structures and/or facilities.

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