



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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To Whom It May Concern:

Request to Withdraw Notice of Exemption – Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) requests the State Clearinghouse remove from CEQAnet a published Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project. The NOE was received and published onto CEQAnet on 7/11/2025 (SCH No. 2025070490). The published NOE is invalid for the following reasons:

- Project Description section includes an incorrect acreage number.
- Reasons for Exemption section references a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP) Concurrence Number that is not valid. CDFW issued a corrected SERP Concurrence and an updated Concurrence Number on 7/22/2025. The original SERP Concurrence has been removed from their website and the associated NOE is no longer valid.

Removing the NOE dated 7/11/2025 reduces the likelihood of confusion. A new NOE was published on 7/25/2025 (SCH No. 2025071074) that updates the Project Description with the correct acreage and with the correct CDFW SERP Concurrence Number.

Please contact Ms. Brenda Marines at bmarines@mwadh2o.com if you require further assistance.

Very truly yours,

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Jennifer Harriger
Manager, Environmental Planning Section

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Enclosure

Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project

Summary

SCH Number

2025070490

Public Agency

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Document Title

Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project

Document Type

NOE - Notice of Exemption

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Document Description

The project will restore approximately 2,000 acres of perennial inundated emergent wetland habitat, open water, and transitional seasonal wetland habitats within Webb Tract. The wetlands will benefit native Delta wildlife, such as migratory waterfowl and the federally-listed and state-listed giant garter snake (*Thamnophis gigas*) by increasing the availability of aquatic foraging and refugia habitat for the species. The project is also expected to benefit western pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*) by expanding suitable aquatic foraging habitat for the species, tricolored blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*) by increasing the extent of dense cattails and tules, and sandhill crane (*Grus canadensis*) by expanding the extent of potential foraging and loafing habitat. The project includes construction of new wetland management units with associated berms and new infrastructure (i.e., weir boxes, flap gates, culverts). Additionally, existing siphons will be used to supply water to the wetland management units and existing District Canals will be used for drainage. The project could also generate carbon credits that could be used to offset emissions under Metropolitan’s Board-adopted Climate Action Plan or sold on the open market to fund ongoing maintenance activities.

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Counties

Contra Costa

Regions

Northern California, Unincorporated

Notice of Exemption

Exempt Status

Statutory Exemption

Type, Section or Code

Public Resources Code §21080.56

Reasons for Exemption

The Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project meets all requirements described in Public Resources Code Section 21080.56 for a Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has concurred on July 9, 2025, that the project meets all requirements and is exempt (CDFW SERP Concurrence No. 21080.56-2025-072-R3). The project is 1) to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife, and the habitat upon which they depend, and will restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife; the project 2) may have public benefits incidental to the project’s fundamental purpose; the project 3) will result in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery and include procedures and ongoing management for the protection of the environment; and 4) project construction activities are solely related to habitat restoration.

County Clerk

Contra Costa

Attachments

Notice of Exemption

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