

**Notice of Exemption**

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**To:** Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
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**From:** Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Marine Region  
1010 Riverside Parkway  
West Sacramento, CA 95605

**Project Title:** NPDES PLOO & SBOO City of San Diego

**Project Location:** San Diego County (waters off Point Loma & Imperial Beach)

**Project Description:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the City of San Diego – Public Utilities Department pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for scientific purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) during the course of sampling, subject to terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The purpose of this sampling is for the City of San Diego’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the Point Loma Ocean Outfall (PLOO) and South Bay Ocean Outfall (SBOO) discharge. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture steelhead trout during surveys. The applicant will conduct research sampling of nearshore marine species during the months of January, July, and October through the use of hook & line – lingcod bar, hook & line – baited shrimpfly, bottom trawl, and fish traps through December 31, 2028.

**California Public Agency Approving Project:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Adriano Feit, City of San Diego – Public Utilities Department

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial;
- Declared Emergency;
- Emergency Project;
- Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Calif. Code Regs., § 15306, Information Collection, Class 6

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project involves NPDES research sampling within nearshore waters of Point Loma and Imperial Beach in San Diego which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to steelhead trout which are listed under the California Endangered Species Act.

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Signed by Lead Agency Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_