NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
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☒ County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260, MS A-33
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
Environmental Services Unit
Attn: Anissa Busch
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, MS O-332
San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF SAN DIEGO INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Project Location: Various communities within San Diego County.

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
5510 Overland Ave., #410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The proposed action is for the Board to approve funding and execute an updated Memorandum of Understanding for the County's continued participation in the San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program between the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, and San Diego Water Authority for the San Diego IRWM Plan and Grant Program for Fiscal Years 2026 – 2031.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Richard Whipple Telephone: 858-694-2125

Date Form Completed: October 22, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on October 22, 2025 (#3) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

☐ **Categorical Exemption**: Sec. G
☐ **Declared Emergency:** Sec. C 21080(b)(3); Sec. G 15269(a)
☐ **Emergency Project:** Sec. C 21080(b)(4); Sec. G 15269(b)(c)
☐ **General**: Sec. C.
☐ **Ministerial**: Sec. C 21080(b)(1); G 15268
☒ **Preliminary Review**: Sec. G 15061 (b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment & the activity is not subject to CEQA.
☐ **Statutory Exemption**: Sec. G

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines provides a general exemption from CEQA review for a project "where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment…". The proposed action would approve funding and execute an updated Memorandum of Understanding for the County's continued participation in the San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Program and associated administrative activities. This action is purely administrative; therefore, the proposed action would not have any impacts on the environment and is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA guidelines section 15061 (b)(3).

The following is to be completed only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: Emily Roberts Telephone: (619) 415-9920

Name (Print): Emily Roberts Title: Environmental Planning Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.
This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.