Notice of Exemption

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San Bernardino County
385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Second Floor
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From: San Bernardino County
Department of Public Works
Environmental Management Division
825 E. Third Street, Room 123
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0835

Project Description

Project Title: Swarthout Canyon Road Emergency CMP Replacement

Project Location: Project is located on Swarthout Canyon Road, south of the Cajon Junction, and west of Interstate 15, in an unincorporated area of San Bernardino County.
(Lat:34.27471944; Long: -117.45275)

Project Description: The atmospheric river that occurred between December 23-26, 2025, and the heavy rainfall that occurred between December 31-January 5,2026, resulted in significant flooding on Swarthout Canyon Road resulting in a clear and imminent threat to public infrastructure and residents. Project includes, but is not limited to, removing approximately 50 feet of cement along the roadway that is covering a clogged 4 foot squash corrugated metal pipe, which typically conveys flows from Cajon Creek upstream of Swarthout Canyon Road to downstream of the road but is clogged with debris from the high-flow rain events, replacing it with a new corrugated metal pipe, and pouring new cement to repair what was removed.

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Exempt Status: *(check one)*

☐ Ministerial [Sec. 21080(B)(1); 15268];
☐ Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(B)(3); 15269(a)];
☒ Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(B)(4); 15269(b)];
☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section: _____
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
☒ Other Exemption: Emergency Projects 15269 (c)

Reasons why project is exempt: 15269 (b) allows for emergency repairs to publicly or privately-owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety, or welfare. 15269 (c) allows for emergency repairs to prevent or mitigate an anticipated emergency.

Arlene B. Chun — Engineering Manager, Environmental Mgmt. Div. — 01/07/2026
Signature Arlene B. Chun, M.S., P.E. *Title* *Date*

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A