Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of San Diego
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From: San Diego County Water Authority
4677 Overland Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123-1233

Project Title: Fire Hill Tunnel Repair (Q0356)

Project Location - Specific: Along the First Aqueduct within Goodan Ranch, south of Scripps Poway Parkway and west of State Route 67

Project Location - City: Unincorporated **Project Location - County:** San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
This project will repair the concrete liner of a tunnel located along the First Aqueduct at Fire Hill. Project activities will include draining of the pipeline, inspection of the tunnel, repair and removal of loose concrete, and installation of concrete; repair and replacement of concrete will be limited to the interior of the tunnel.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego County Water Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Diego County Water Authority

Exempt Status:
- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: Class 1 Existing Facilities (Sec. 15301)
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. *State code number:*

Reasons why project is exempt: The work activities consist of maintenance and repair to existing public facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use. Maintenance and repair of existing facilities are specifically categorically exempted from CEQA per the Water Authority's Administrative Code implementing CEQA [§8.00.060(a)1(i)].

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Signature: _____ **Date:** January 22, 2026 **Title:** Water Resources Manager
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