Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260 MS A-33
San Diego, CA 92101

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

Project Title: Lake Hodges Hydroelectric Facility Isolation (Q0359)

Project Location - Specific: 18962 Lake Drive, Escondido, California 92029

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
This project will install subaqueous steel bulkheads within the hydroelectric facility to hydraulically isolate the facility from Lake Hodges. Project activities will include cleaning and removal of sediment, and installation of a steel bulkhead into an existing steel pipe. All work activities will occur within the existing developed facility.

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 project activities consist of maintenance and interior alteration involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time this notice was executed. Maintenance and alteration to an existing facility are specifically categorically exempted from CEQA per section 15301 of the CEQA guidelines and 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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