

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: Cathodic Protection Replacement and Installation

Project Location - Specific: Along the San Diego County Water Authority's Aqueduct System

Project Location - City: Various

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project includes replacing and installing cathodic protection adjacent to existing pipeline infrastructure located within the Water Authority's service area. This activity includes minor trenching and boring holes for replacement and installation of cathodic protection equipment. Equipment to be replaced and installed includes anode rods, connecting wires, and receivers. All work will occur within the Water Authority's existing right of way, and work areas will be returned to their preimpact conditions following the completion of work.

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); Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction (Sec 15302); Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land (15304)
- ☐ Statutory Exemption:

Reasons why project is exempt: The work activities consist of maintenance and installation of anodes and associated appurtenances to replace and maintain existing facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use, and where surfaces will be returned to their preimpact condition. Maintenance and replacement of existing facilities and minor alterations to land are specifically categorically exempted from CEQA per the Water Authority's Administrative Code implementing CEQA [§8.00.060(a)1(i), §8.00.060(a)2(i), §8.00.060(a)4(vi)].

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