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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Project Title:** Routine Maintenance Activities at the Joseph Jensen Filtration Plant (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. 1600-2016-0074-R5)

**Project Location (Los Angeles County):** The project is located at eight locations within or adjacent to Bull Creek at the Joseph P. Jensen Filtration Plant at 14331 1/2 San Fernando Rd, Sylmar, 91342, in the County of Los Angeles County, State of California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. 1600-2016-0074-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

The project is limited to ongoing routine maintenance within eight maintenance areas and associated maintenance facilities located within or adjacent to portions of Bull Creek at the Joseph P. Jensen Filtration Plant. This amendment is to update the vegetation classes and amounts being impacted by annual maintenance activities, no other changes are proposed. Annual maintenance impacts to riparian habitat increase by 0.05 acres.

**Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:**

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**Exempt Status:**

Statutory Exemption.

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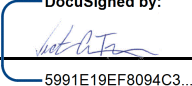
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Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. This project is to maintain the existing Joseph Jensen Filtration Plant.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 2/9/2026

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