

# Notice of Exemption

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** California Regional Water Quality  
Control Board, San Diego Region  
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100  
San Diego, CA 92108

**Project Title:** Manzanita Canyon Greening and Canyon Health Project

**Project Applicant:** San Diego Canyonlands

**Project Location – Specific:** 32.740225, -117.102148

**Project Location – City:** San Diego

**Project Location:** San Diego County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The purpose of the Project is to stabilize and restore Manzanita Canyon, where streambed degradation, erosion, and invasive species are causing channel widening, scour, and creek incision which threaten streambank failure and damage to City of San Diego (City) sewer infrastructure. The Project will re-establish natural creek functions in accordance with City, Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) requirements and guidelines.

The Permittee proposes to install streambed and bioengineered streambank stabilization features to prevent erosion and sediment loss. A reinforced concrete box culvert and headwall will be installed at the upstream end of the project near Thorn Street to protect from storm flow erosion and incision. The project will also establish a small area of stream channel.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Name of Persons or Agency Carrying Out Project:** San Diego Canyonlands

**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)(c)).

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_

Statutory Exemption. State code number: California Code of Regulations, Public Resources Code section 21080.56

**Reason why project is exempt:** Project is (a) exclusively to restore and provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife; (b) the Project may have public benefits incidental to the Project's fundamental purpose; (c) the Project will result in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery; and includes procedures and ongoing management for the protections of the environment; and (d) Project construction activities are solely related to habitat restoration

**Responsible Agency**

**Contact Person:** Hayley Sue

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**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  
\_ Yes or \_ No

**Signature:**

Title: Executive Officer

Signed by Responsible Agency      Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resource Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resource Code.