

**Notice of Exemption**

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**To:** Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Marine Region  
1700 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811

**Project Title:** NPDES no. CA0053813 Required Marine Monitoring

**Project Location:** Nearshore waters of Los Angeles County

**Project Description:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for scientific purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) during the course of sampling, subject to terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The purpose of this sampling is for the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) no. CA0053813 mandatory monitoring. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture steelhead trout during surveys. The applicant will conduct year-round monitoring sampling of nearshore marine species using bottom trawls, fish traps, hook & line – baited dropper loop, hook & line – swimbait, and hook & line – surface through December 31, 2029.

**California Public Agency Approving Project:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Terra Petry, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial;
- Declared Emergency;
- Emergency Project;
- Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Calif. Code Regs., § 15306, Information Collection, Class 6

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project involves research sampling within nearshore waters of Los Angeles County which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to steelhead trout which are listed under the California Endangered Species Act.

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**Signature:** 

**Date:** 5/13/2026

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Signed by Lead Agency

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