

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources
Division of Operations and Maintenance
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814

(Address)

County Clerk

County of _____

Project Title: MWD Rialto Pipeline Treatment Plan for Golden Mussel Mitigation

Project Location - Specific:

Devil Canyon Second Afterbay (DC2AF). Mile Marker: 412.9

Coordinates: LAT 34°12'10.37"N, LONG 117°20'24.66"W. Cross Streets: Memory Lane, Devil Canyon Road

Project Location – City: Devil CanyonProject Location – County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR will inject EarthTec QZ at the downstream bulkhead gate slot of Devil Canyon Second Afterbay to prevent settlement and establishment of golden mussels in the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Rialto Pipeline & downstream member agency pipelines. A 6,300-gallon Ironclad poly cube will be staged immediately next to the afterbay structure on concrete and will be surrounded by a 12x25 foot spill berm for secondary containment. All access and work is within DWR right of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Water Resources

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: Class 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and critical services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves routine maintenance activities. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. The Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance as this activity will be implemented without any environmental impacts.

Lead Agency

Contact Person:

Sara LowryArea Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 902-7709**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 ☐ No

Signature: Sara Lowry Date: 7/15/2026 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

☐ Signed by Applicant

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