

Notice of Exemption

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From: San Bernardino County
Flood Control District
Environmental Management Division
825 E. Third Street, Room 123
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Project Description

Project Title: Mojave River Emergency Activities El Niño 2026-2027

Project Location: The proposed project is located at various locations including, but not limited to, along the Mojave River in the cities of Hesperia, Victorville, and Barstow, the town of Apple Valley, and the unincorporated communities of Helendale, Oro Grande, Lenwood, and Johnstons Corner.

Project Description: This project is being undertaken in anticipation of an exceptionally strong El Niño event forecast for the 2026-2027 fall and winter seasons and the Mojave River's documented history of emergency flooding, erosion, washouts, levee breaches, bridge embankment scour, and sediment deposition. Emergency activities may include, but not be limited to, the removal of accumulated sediment and debris; repair of eroded or washed outside slopes, levees, and access roads; and repair of appurtenant flood control structures to protect private and public infrastructure, private property, and public safety.

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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)];
☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section: _____
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
☐ Other Exemption: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15269(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines allows for emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned facilities essential to public health, safety, or welfare; even those that require a reasonable amount of planning to address an anticipated emergency. Section 15269(c) exempts specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency to maintain, repair, or restore an existing highway damaged by flood or other disaster.

Signature **Anthony Pham, P.E.**

On behalf of **Arlene B. Chun, M.S., P.E.**

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Engineering Manager, Environmental Mgmt. Div.

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Date

9/3/26

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