Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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From: San Bernardino County
Flood Control District
Environmental Management Division
825 E. Third Street, Room 123
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0835

Project Description

Project Title: Lucerne Valley Channel Emergency Activities – El Niño 2026-2027

Project Location: Project is located along and within Lucerne Valley Channel, between Foothill Road and Rabbit Springs Road in the unincorporated community of Lucerne, San Bernardino County.

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 current, degraded, state of the SBCFCD's Lucerne Valley Channel. Without emergency repairs to the channel, any rain event, but especially a large rain event, may result in significant structural integrity degradation ultimately posing a clear and imminent threat to public and private property, infrastructure, and life. Emergency activities may include, but not be limited to, the removal of accumulated sediment and debris; repair of eroded or washed out side-slopes, levees, and access roads; and repair of appurtenant flood control structures to protect private and public property and infrastructure, and public safety. Activities may occur as necessary before, during, or following a storm event based on site conditions.

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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: 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.

Arlene B. Chun — Engineering Manager, Environmental Mgmt. Div. — 09/21/2026
Signature **Arlene B. Chun, M.S., P.E.** *Title* *Date*

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A