

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: SBCFCD Zone 6 Emergency Activities – Tropical Storm Rachel and El Nino 2026/2027

Project Location: The project is located along and within, but not limited to, the following facilities: 29 Palms Channel, Church Channel, Hospital Channel, Donnell Basin, Pinto Cove Creek, Yucca Creek and Old Woman Springs Basin in the unincorporated communities of Yucca Valley and Twenty-Nine Palms, San Bernardino County.

Project Description: Between October 10-12, 2026, the unincorporated communities of Yucca Valley and Twenty-Nine Palms, San Bernardino County, received between 1.5-2" of rain from Tropical Storm Rachel, which resulted in increased storm flows causing severe channel erosion and sediment deposition within 29 Palms Channel, Hospital Channel, and Church Channel. Additionally, on September 21, 2026, the Governor Proclaimed a State of Emergency, statewide, for the anticipated 2026-2027 El Niño. This project may include future emergency activities throughout SBCFCD's Zone 6 throughout the 2026-2027 fall and winter seasons, as El Niño continues to develop and create new storms. 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 infrastructure, private property, and public safety.

Applicant

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

Reasons why project is exempt: 15269(b) of the 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.


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Date

10/13/2026

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A