Notice of Exemption

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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: City Creek Channel Bypass Emergency Repairs- Tropical Storm Rachel and El Niño 2026-2027

Project Location: The project is located within the City Creek Channel Bypass in the City of San Bernardino, along Third Street between Pedley Road and Whitlock Avenue.

Project Description: Recent storm activity associated with Tropical Storm Rachel and the developing 2026–2027 El Niño caused increased surface runoff from Third Street and surrounding development to enter the City Creek Channel Bypass resulting in substantial erosion and undermining of the channel bank and adjacent sidewalk Although the initial emergency repairs are focused on the eroded area between Pedley Road and Whitlock Avenue, this project may include future emergency activities throughout the City Creek Channel Bypass during 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 repair of storm-related erosion and damage; construction of temporary access roads; placement of fill and other stabilization materials; installation of cable bracing or similar erosion-control measures; and repair of appurtenant flood control structures to protect 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)(c)];
☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section:
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
☐ Other Exemption:

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15269(a) of the CEQA Guidelines allows repairs to facilities damaged by disaster in a proclaimed state of emergency as Governor Newsom did for the 2026–2027 El Niño event on September 21, 2026. Section 15269(b) exempts emergency repairs to maintain services essential to public health, safety, or welfare. Section 15269(c) exempts specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Arlene B Chun — Engineering Manager, Environmental Mgmt. Div. — 11/13/2026

Signature **Arlene B. Chun, M.S., P.E.** *Title* *Date*

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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