Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk  
County of San Diego  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260 MS A-33  
San Diego, CA  92101  

From: San Diego County Water Authority  
4677 Overland Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92123-1233  

State Clearinghouse  
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Project Title: Repair of the Isolation Valve at the Rancho Peñasquitos Pressure Control and Hydroelectric Facility

Project Location - Specific: Rancho Peñasquitos Pressure Control and Hydroelectric Facility - 9939 Mercy Road, San Diego, CA

Project Location - City: City of San Diego  
Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: A leak was detected in the pressure control facility for the Second Aqueduct and must be repaired. Repair of the leak will require shutdown and draining of the aqueduct from the Del Dios Isolation valve to SD6. All repair work will be limited to within the developed facility.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego County Water Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Diego County Water Authority

Exempt Status:
- ☐ 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: Class 1 Existing Facilities (Sec. 15301) and Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction (Sec 15302)
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number: PRC 21080(b)(8)

Reasons why project is exempt: The work activities consist of repair and maintenance of existing public facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time this notice was executed. Maintenance and replacement of existing facilities is specifically categorically exempted from CEQA per the Water Authority’s Administrative Code implementing CEQA [§8.00.060(a)(i,ii); §8.00.060(a)(ii)].

Lead Agency  
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Date: 6/16/2021  
Title: Water Resources Manager