



**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

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**Notice of Exemption Submittal**

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State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Project Name: **Palos Verdes Reservoir Discharge Line Modifications**

Filing As:  Lead Agency  Responsible Agency

Contact Person: Michelle Morrison at (213) 217-7906

Enclosures:  Original NOE  
 Location Map

Comments: In accordance with Section 15062 of the State of California Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act, this NOE is provided for posting by your office for a period of 30 full calendar days.



## California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Exemption

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

**From:** The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
P.O. Box 54153  
Los Angeles, California 90054-0153

**Project Name: Palos Verdes Reservoir Discharge Line Palos Verdes Reservoir Discharge Line Modifications**

**Project Location - Specific:** Palos Verdes Reservoir

**Project Location - City:** Rolling Hills Estates

**Project Location - County:** Los Angeles

**Description of Project:** The project will bury an approximately 400-foot long, 18-inch discharge line located along the southern boundary of Palos Verdes Reservoir. Burying the existing discharge line is intended prepare the reservoir facility for operational activity and to create a more visually appealing viewshed for adjacent residents to the reservoir.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California


**Exempt Status:** *(check as applicable)*

- Ministerial (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Not a Project (Public Resources Code § 21065, State CEQA Guidelines § 15378)
- Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(2); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Categorical Exemption, Class 1, State CEQA Guidelines §15301, Class 4, State CEQA Guidelines §15304
- Statutory Exemption, State CEQA Guidelines
- Other, State CEQA Guidelines

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The proposed project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographic features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The proposed project consists of public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation, which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Michelle Morrison at (213) 217-7906

**Signature:**   
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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

**Date:** December 16, 2020