Environmental Filing
California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Exemption

To: Contra Costa County
   Clerk-Recorder
   555 Escobar Street
   Martinez, California 94553

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

Project Name: Purchase and Sale Agreement: Delta Wetlands Properties


Project Location - City: Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Solano

Description of Project: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) has entered into a purchase and sale agreement to purchase 20,369.80 acres of land from Delta Wetlands Properties. The property consists of five areas of land in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and is located in Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Solano counties. In accordance with the agreement, acquisition of the property will preserve the current open space, habitat or historical resources and will allow restoration of natural conditions including plant or animal habitats.

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))
☐ Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(3))
☐ Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(2))
☐ Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4))
☐ Categorical Exemption, Class 25, State CEQA Guidelines §15325
☐ Statutory Exemption, State CEQA Guidelines
☐ Other, State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project consists of the transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources conditions and there is no potential for significant effects due to unusual circumstances. The project is also exempt under the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects with the potential for causing significant effects.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Vikki Dee Bradshaw at (213) 217-6018

Signature: Deirdre West, Team Manager

Date: March 10, 2016

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Signature: X

Printed Name and Title: C. Garcia

County Receipt Number: 2532346