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### California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Exemption

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From: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
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**Project Name:** Diemer Water Treatment Plant - North Slope Field Investigation Studies

**Project Location - Specific:** Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant, located at 3972 Valley View Avenue, City of Yorba Linda, 92886.

**Project Location - City:** Yorba Linda

**Project Location - County:** Orange

**Description of Project:** The Project consists of geotechnical field investigation studies at Diemer Plant Basin 8 north slope. Geotechnical studies include various surface surveys, borings, test pits, and access. The resulting studies and data obtained will be used to develop recommendations for stabilizing the north slope.

**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
- 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 6, State CEQA Guidelines §15306.
- Statutory Exemption, State CEQA Guidelines
- Other, State CEQA Guidelines

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The proposed project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, 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 the data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to the environmental resource. This may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action that a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

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