



BIG BEAR
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL
 WATER DISTRICT

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TO: OFFICE OF PLANNING AND
 RESEARCH
 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
 Sacramento, CA 95814

 COUNTY CLERK
 County of San Bernardino
 385 North Arrowhead Avenue
 San Bernardino, CA 92415

FILE FOLLOWING PROJECT APPROVAL

SUBJECT: Notice of Exemption from CEQA

Project Title: Big Bear Municipal Water District – Bear Valley Dam 36” Discharge Meter Replacement

Project Location – Specific:

The proposed project is located within the unincorporated community of Fawnskin at the crossroads of CA-Highway 38 and CA-Highway 18 at the West end of Big Bear Lake. The proposed project is the removal of the existing, non-functional, 36” discharge meter and replacement with a new 36” discharge meter with no new construction. The project site is located within the Big Bear Lake 7.5-minute USGS Topographic Quadrangle NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 1 West San Bernardino Principal Meridian.

Refer to Figure 1: Regional Vicinity, and Figure 2: Project Location.

Project Location – City/County: Fawnskin, County of San Bernardino

Project Description: The proposed project is the replacement of the 36” discharge flow meter located approximately 10 feet southwest of the toe of Bear Valley Dam.

Project Proponent: Big Bear Municipal Water District

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Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption under CCR Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15301: Existing Facilities and Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction.

Class 1 exemptions (Section 15301) consist of the minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The proposed project qualifies for this exemption under the following example from CCR Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15301:

- (b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services;
- (d) Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide or flood;
- (m) Minor repairs and alterations to existing dams and appurtenant structures under the supervision of the Department of Water Resources.

Class 2 exemptions (Section 15302) consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The proposed project qualifies for this exemption under the following example from CCR Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15302:

- (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXEMPTION: The proposed project is the removal and replacement of an existing structure located at the base of the Bear Valley Dam. As such, there would be no expansion of use for the current structure. The current, non-functional, 36" meter will be removed and replaced with a new 36" meter, allowing for the continued monitoring of water being released from the Bear Valley Dam without changing the release capacity.

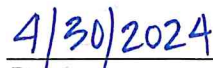
CONTACT PERSON: Brittany Lamson – Interim General Manager

TELEPHONE: 909-866-5796

LEAD AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORIZATION:

LEAD AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE: Brittany Lamson – Interim General Manager **TELEPHONE:** 909-866-5796


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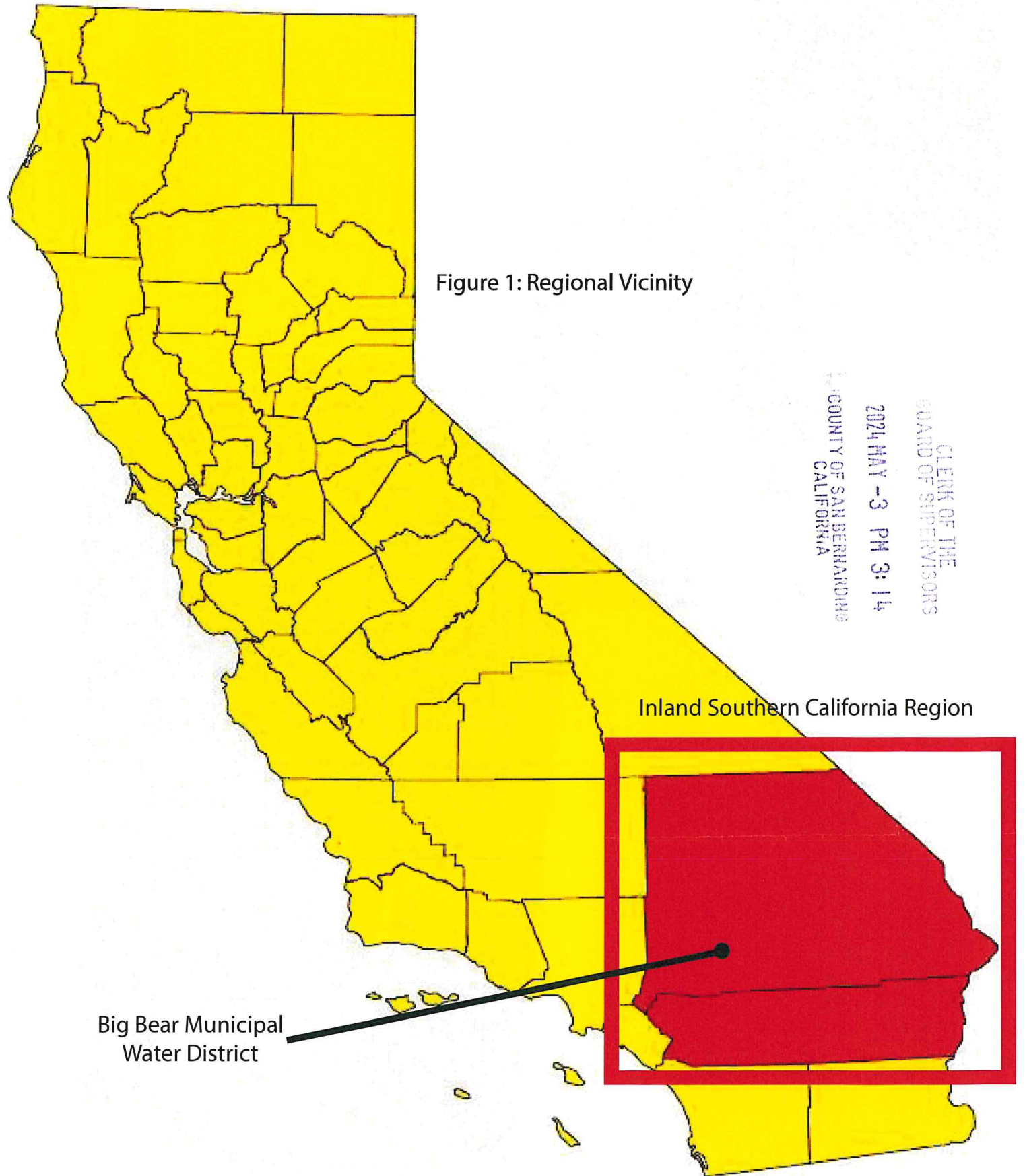
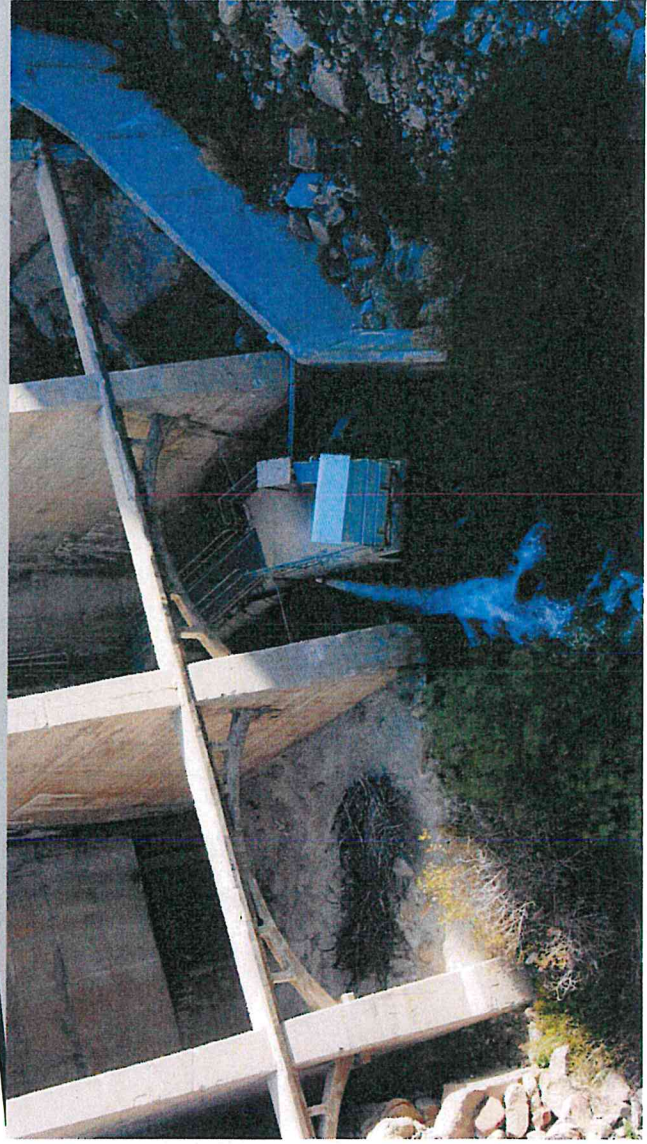


Figure 1: Regional Vicinity

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Figure 2. Bear Valley Dam 36" Discharge Meter Project Location