

Notice of Emergency Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Application
Reception

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Project Name: Mt Baldy Road and Big Butch Wash - December 2025 and January 2026 Emergency Activities

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Project Location: 34.26586111°N, -117.63013333°W

Project City and County: Mt Baldy, San Bernardino

Applicant Organization: San Bernardino County Department of Public Works

Applicant Name: Arlene Chun

Waterboard Staff: LM

Brief Description of Project:

Project Description: The atmospheric river that occurred between December 23-26, 2025, and December 31-January 5, 2026, produced heavy rainfall that resulted in significant debris flows within Big Butch Wash which caused severe damage to Mount Baldy Road. Mount Baldy Road sustained multiple washouts and eroded areas which caused partial road collapse. Additionally, accumulated sand, silt, sediment, debris, and rocks were deposited on top of Mount Baldy Road, restricting vehicular access. These damages pose a clear and imminent threat to life and property. The San Bernardino County Department of Public Works must repair these damages in a timely manner to meet its mission of protecting life and property. Work began on Monday December 29, 2025 and will take approximately 4 weeks to complete. Additionally, the Governor declared a "proclamation of a State of Emergency" on December 23, 2025 (attached).

Project Activities: Excavators, dozers, and dump trucks will be used to remove accumulated sediment from the roadway, and to re-establish the Big Butch Creek flow path away from the road and back to its ordinary flow path. Any washouts or eroded areas along/adjacent to Mt. Baldy Road will be repaired using native material. Any excess material will be removed and disposed of off-site. Work also includes shoring up, compacting, and repairing damaged sections of the roadway. BMPs will be implemented to prevent negative impacts to the emergency area and, if needed, water trucks will be used to control dust. Excavation is critical to removing sediment to prevent water quality degradation. Vehicles are well-maintained and will not be maintained within any streambed and a spill kit will be on-site at all times.