

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate
Innovation, State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812

FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2023040459

PROJECT NUMBER: EDWG-1510017-002C

PROJECT TITLE: Dune 3 Mutual Water Company Consolidation Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Ward Ave/N Strecker St; and Autumn Ave/N Calvert Blvd, Kern County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is funding the Project referred to internally as Dune 3 Water Company Consolidation Project. The Project includes consolidation of the Dune 3 Water Mutual Company with the Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWWVD). The proposed Project will install approximately 3,200 feet of 12-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) main and 8,500 feet of 8-inch PVC main, gate valves, fire hydrants, new meters, one-inch service laterals and other appurtenances as required. The existing Dune 3 wells will be destroyed per County requirements and existing pumps and tanks will be removed from easements. Additionally, the Project also includes connection of the distribution system to the existing IWWVD system at two locations: Ward Avenue/N Strecker Street, and Autumn Avenue/N Calvert Boulevard.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved the Project described above on February 27, 2026 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Indian Wells Valley Water District will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15302)

Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15303)

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures.

LEAD AGENCY: Indian Wells Valley Water District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Renee Morquecho

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Records of the financing approval for the Project are available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. Pursuant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Code, Section 711.4(d)(1), the CDFW environmental review filing fees do not apply to exempt projects.

Signature: _____

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