

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Ventura

800 S. Victoria Ave

Ventura, CA 93009

From: (Public Agency): Ventura River Water District
409 Old Baldwin Rd
Ojai, CA 93023

(Address)

Project Title: Casitas Water System Improvement and Drought Resiliency

Project Applicant: Ventura River Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Parkview Drive, Casitas Springs, CA

Project Location - City: Casitas Springs, CA Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will replace up to 1,500 linear feet of existing water pipelines along Parkview Drive in the Casitas Springs community, including service laterals and meters, to support customers of Casitas Mutual Water Company in consolidating their water system with Ventura River Water District. Casitas Mutual Water Company's infrastructure is aging and cannot reliably provide potable water that meets demand. Existing pipelines are deteriorating and often leak.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Ventura River Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ventura River Water District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15302 - Replacement of Existing Facilities
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Cal. Pub. Res. Code Sec. 21080.21 - Replacement of Existing Pipelines

Reasons why project is exempt:

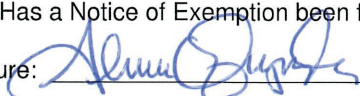
The project will replace existing pipelines located within a public right-of-way which total less than one mile in length. This project will upgrade an existing, aging main, service laterals, and meters to current standard and provide a reliable supply of drinking water, improve water quality, and provide fire protection to customers. The new facilities will be in the same location and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the facilities being replaced.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Alma Quezada, PG, General Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (805) 646-3403

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ■ Yes No

Signature:  Date: 9-20-2024 Title: General Manager

■ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____