

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
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Project Title: Palm Desert Operations Switchboard Upgrade

Project Location:

CVWDs Operation's Building and Service Station are located in the Operation's Building Parking Lot at 75-525 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert located in Riverside, CA.

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Palm Desert Operations Switchboard Upgrade project (Project) consists of removing and replacing a switchboard supplying power to the Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD) Operation's Building and Service Station. The old switchgear will be replaced with a new switchboard with upgraded circuit breaker protection with ground fault protection, an integrated automatic transfer switch, generator refurbishment, a manual transfer switch, and provisions for CVWD electric vehicle charging.

The generator refurbishment will be done by a certified Caterpillar repair company and will provide updated electrical control devices, engine heater, new coolant, new engine water/coolant thermostat, and associated hoses and belts. This will not change the emissions or brake horsepower of the engine. The work done on the generator engine will not require a new permit from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

The project is anticipated to take place over the course of 1 month. No road closures or ground disturbance activities will take place, all work will take place on CVWD property. CVWD property site is located in rural residential areas and is not within a conservation area of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP).

Lead Agency Approving Project and Contact:

Coachella Valley Water District; Luis De Arco, Senior Engineer / Phone: (760) 398-2651

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Exempt Status:

- Not a project:** State CEQA Guidelines §15378
- Review for Exemption/Common Sense Exemption:** State CEQA Guideline §15061(b)(3)
- Ministerial:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guideline §15268)
- Declared Emergency:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guideline §15269(a))
- Emergency Project:** 15269(b)
- Statutory Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines § 15277
- Categorically Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines: §15301 and §15302

Reasons why project is exempt:

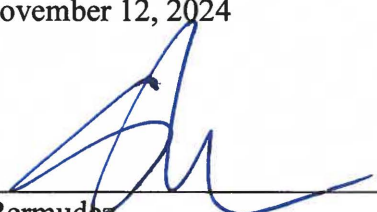
State CEQA Guidelines §15301 (Existing Facilities) allows for the repair and maintenance of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use.

State CEQA Guidelines §15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) Class 2 consists 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, including the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Environmental Contact Person:

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Date: November 12, 2024



Sylvia Bermudez
Clerk of the Board

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

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