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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
Ventura River Water District	alma@vrwd.ca.gov	11/21/2024

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING: Ventura

DOCUMENT NUMBER:

PROJECT TITLE

Meter Improvements with Smart Technology (MIST)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
Ventura River Water District	alma@vrwd.ca.gov	(805) 646-3403

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
409 Old Baldwin Rd	Ojai	CA	93023

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☑ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,051.25	$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,916.75	$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,377.25	$	0.00

☑ Exempt from fee

- ☑ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$	0.00
☑ County documentary handling fee		$	50.00
☐ Other		$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X [signature]	Ventura River Water District, Alma Quezada, General Manager

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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

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

Project Title: Meter Improvements with Smart Technology (MIST)

Project Applicant: Ventura River Water District

Project Location - Specific:

City of Ojai,and unincorporated areas of Oak View, Meiners Oaks and Casitas Springs

Project Location - City: Ojai Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will replace approximately 925 existing, manually read customer water meters with AMI equipped water meters within VRWD's service area. The service area includes a portion of the City of Ojai and the unicorporated areas of Ojai, Oak View, Meiners Oaks, and Casitas Springs.

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: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will replace existing water meters with AMI meters (aka "smart" meters). The new meters will be in the same location and have the same purpose and capacity as the meters being replaced.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Alma Quezada, P.G. 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: 11/21/2024 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: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2024-371

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A WATERSMART GRANT FOR THE METER IMPROVEMENTS WITH SMART TECHNOLOGY (MIST) PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Ventura River Water District (District) proposes to convert their entire meter inventory to smart meters with AMI technology that will result in quantifiable and sustained water and energy savings, and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) is offering WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025, to help water districts and other entities with projects that conserve water and promote use of clean, renewable energy, and

WHEREAS, the District has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the USBR; and

WHEREAS, the District identifies the need for implementing projects that will promote water conservation projects that result in quantifiable and sustained water reduction and energy savings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (Board) of the District recognizes the importance of securing additional funding through grant programs such as the WaterSMART Grants for the purpose of supporting the District's water management and conservation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that the General Manager of the District is responsible for the day-to-day operations and management of the District, and is in an appropriate position to apply for, negotiate, and enter into agreements with the USBR;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Ventura River Water District as follows:

1. The Board hereby verifies that the General Manager of the Ventura River Water District is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the District in applying for, accepting, and entering into WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants agreements with the USBR.

2. The Board has reviewed the application prepared and submitted by the District staff for the WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025, and fully supports the submission of the said application.

3. The Board commits to providing all necessary assistance and support to the General Manager in fulfilling the requirements of the grant application process and, upon award, pledges to work cooperatively with the USBR to meet all established deadlines and requirements for entering into a grant or cooperative agreement.

4. The Board authorizes the General Manager to execute all documents, including grant or cooperative agreements, and to take all actions necessary to secure WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants funds and to implement and administer the projects for which the funds are awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed by the USBR.

5. The Ventura River Water District General Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to submit any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain grant funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of November 2024.

CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Ventura River Water District at the meeting held on November 20, 2024, motion by PEGGY WILES and seconded by ED LEE, motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:

Attest:

Bruce Kuebler, President

Alma Quezada, Secretary