

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
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Project Title: Irrigation Lateral 119.64-7.5 Replacement - Phase 2

Project Location:

The project will begin on Avenue 58 near Harrison Street, traveling westerly along Avenue 58 towards Oasis Street. The project then continues north on a portion of Oasis Street; the project is located in the unincorporated community of Thermal, California. The project is within portions of Sections 23, 25, and 26 of Township 6 South, Range 7 East and Sections 29 and 30 of Township 6 South, Range 8 East, United States Geological Survey (USGS) Indio 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle.

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project would remove and replace approximately 10,476 linear feet of existing 30 and 33-inch concrete pipe with new 30-inch PVC pipe. Additionally, the project would install a new master meter with isolation valves, regulatory meter, temporary highline bypass, and nine meters. The proposed improvements also include private property restoration such as fences, landscaping, softscape and hardscape, dirt access roads and driveways. Public right-of-way street improvements would also be required. Excavation of the pipeline trench will be approximately 4-6 feet below ground surface to allow placement of the new PVC piping. The objective of these improvements is to increase the operational efficiency, enhance water conservation, and improve customer service.

Surrounding land uses consist of residential, agricultural, open space and roadways. The Project is anticipated to take place over the course of 9 months, traffic control will be in place and only partial street closure will be required. The project is not located within or adjacent to a conservation area associated with the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. Ground disturbance and construction activities would occur within pre-disturbed soils.

Lead Agency Approving Project and Contact:

Coachella Valley Water District; David Wilson, Engineering Manager / 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:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guideline §15269(b)(c))
- Statutory Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines §
- Categorically Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines §15301, §15302

Reasons why project is exempt:

State CEQA Guidelines §15301 (Existing Facilities) allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

State CEQA Guidelines §15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) allows for the replacement 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.

Environmental Contact Person:

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Date: December 10, 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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