

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Applicant: Vista Irrigation District

Project Title: Lake Henshaw Resort-New Potable Water Well 3 (Project)

Project Location: Lake Henshaw Resort, 26439 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

Project County: San Diego

Project Description: The proposed project is to drill a new potable well in fractured granitic bedrock to replace an existing nearby well that is part of the Lake Henshaw Resort public water system. The existing well is no longer in use due to exceedances of secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for iron and manganese. The new well will be drilled deeper to obtain sufficient supply water and meet MCLs.

Public Agency Approving the Project: State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

This is to advise that the State Water Board has issued a well site, plan approval for the above-described Project on May 9, 2025. A record of approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water district office listed above.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 1: Existing Facilities Cal. Code of Regs., section 15301

Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction Cal. Code of Regs., section 15302

Class 3: New Small Construction Cal. Code of Regs., section 15303

Reason Why the Project Is Exempt: The Project is exempt because it involves drilling a new groundwater well to replace an existing well for a public water system to meet existing potable demands. None of the exceptions listed in section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the proposed Project.

Signature: _____

Title: District Engineer