

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**

Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate  
Innovation, State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**FROM:**

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:** 2025011055

**PROJECT NUMBER:** EDWG-3301107-001C

**PROJECT TITLE:** Carver Tract Water Systems Consolidation Project (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Residential subdivision in Indio, CA, bordered by Avenue 48 to the south, Bataan Street to the east, Van Buren Street to the west, and Manila Avenue to the north.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is funding the Project referred to internally as Carver Tract Water Systems Consolidation Project. The components of the Project to be funded by the State Water Board include the consolidation of the Carver Tract Mutual Water Company (CTMWC) with the Indio Water Authority (IWA) through the installation of approximately 7,400 linear feet of eight-inch ductile iron water mains (including approximately 605 feet of new construction to connect the CTMWC system to the IWA system), gate valves, 16 fire hydrants, various appurtenances, one backflow prevention device, 2,800 feet of one-inch copper service lines, and 188 ¾-inch water meters. The two systems will be connected at six locations, and all components, unless otherwise noted, will replace existing infrastructure. Additionally, the existing CTMWC Well 1 will be destroyed, and the existing water distribution system and hydropneumatic tank will be removed.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** The State Water Board has approved the Project described above on March 3, 2026 and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Indio Water Authority will be carrying out the Project.

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:**

**Class 1: Existing Facilities**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, § 15301)

**Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15302)

**Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15303)

**Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15304)

**STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:**

**Other Statutory Exemptions (right of way pipelines less than one mile)**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 18, § 15282)

**REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment with negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; the replacement of existing water infrastructure with no expansion of capacity; a water main extension of reasonable length; minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored; and the installation of new pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Indio Water Authority

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Bryan Montgomery and Roman Gonzalez

**PHONE NUMBER:** (760) 625-1821 and (760) 625-1822

Records of the financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. Pursuant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Code, Section 711.4(d)(1), the CDFW environmental review filing fees do not apply to exempt projects.

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