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: San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

From: (Public Agency): Olivenhain Municipal Water District
1966 Olivenhain Road
Encinitas, CA 92024
(Address)

Project Title: OMWD Cathodic Protection Improvements Project FY 2026

Project Applicant: Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Location 1: Zorro Reservoir, off Circa Oriente, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067. Work site coordinates are 32°59'35.18"N, 117°10'20.36"W.

Location 2: Denk Reservoir, off Rancho Santa Fe Road, San Diego, CA 92009. Work site coordinates are 33°5'27.70"N, 117°13'10.52"W

Location 3: Along Rancho Del Rio Road, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067. Work site coordinates are 33°1'59.59"N, 117°9'57.56"W

Location 4: Artesian Road, City of San Diego, CA 92127. Work site coordinates are 33°1'5.61"N, 117°9'18.77"W.

Location 5: Adjacent to Gaty Reservoir, along Rancho Summit Drive, San Diego, CA 92029. Work site coordinates are 33°5'5.10"N, 117°11'56.01"W

Location 6: Near 162 Rancho Santa Fe Road, City of Encinitas, CA 92024. Work site coordinates are 33°2'7.58"N, 117°14'21.29"W

Project Location - City: San Diego Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project includes the replacement and repair of deteriorated or non-functional cathodic protection components at several locations within the District, including rectifier leads, header wires, sacrificial anodes, test stations, and other related equipment necessary to maintain and monitor cathodic protection for existing metallic pipelines.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Olivenhain Municipal 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: 15301(b) and 15302(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

State CEQA Guidelines §15301(b) (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) allows for projects consisting 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. The proposed project was reviewed for potential exemptions and was found to satisfy the standards of Class 2, as specified within Article 19 Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.

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Lead Agency
Contact Person: Steven Weddle Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 632-4221

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: Kimberly A Thomas Date: 5/21/25 Title: General Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR:_Reference: