

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: Imperial

From: (Public Agency): Imperial Irrigation District
P.O. Box 937
Imperial, CA 92250
(Address)

Project Title: Westmorland Substation Upgrade (No. 2.00358)

Project Applicant: Imperial Irrigation District

Project Location - Specific:

Northwest corner of east 5th St. and north C St. in Westmorland, California, 92281

Project Location - City: Westmorland, CA Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of the installation of two additional 34.5kV 1200A vacuum breakers with their respective relay protection schemes, single-phase transformers, gang-operated disconnect switches and the appropriate foundations and steel structures for the new equipment in an existing substation. Currently the substation can only be powered by a single 34.5kV source which imperils its reliability. See attached map with project description.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: IMPERIAL IRRIGATION 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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 (Class 1), 15303 (Class 3), 15061(b)(3)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt under sections 15301 "Existing Facilities" that covers the operation and minor alterations of existing facilities of publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, involving negligible or no expansion of existing use or capacity; 15303 "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures" since it involves the construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and the installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and 15061(b)(3), the common-sense exemption, that states that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Donald Vargas Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 482-3609

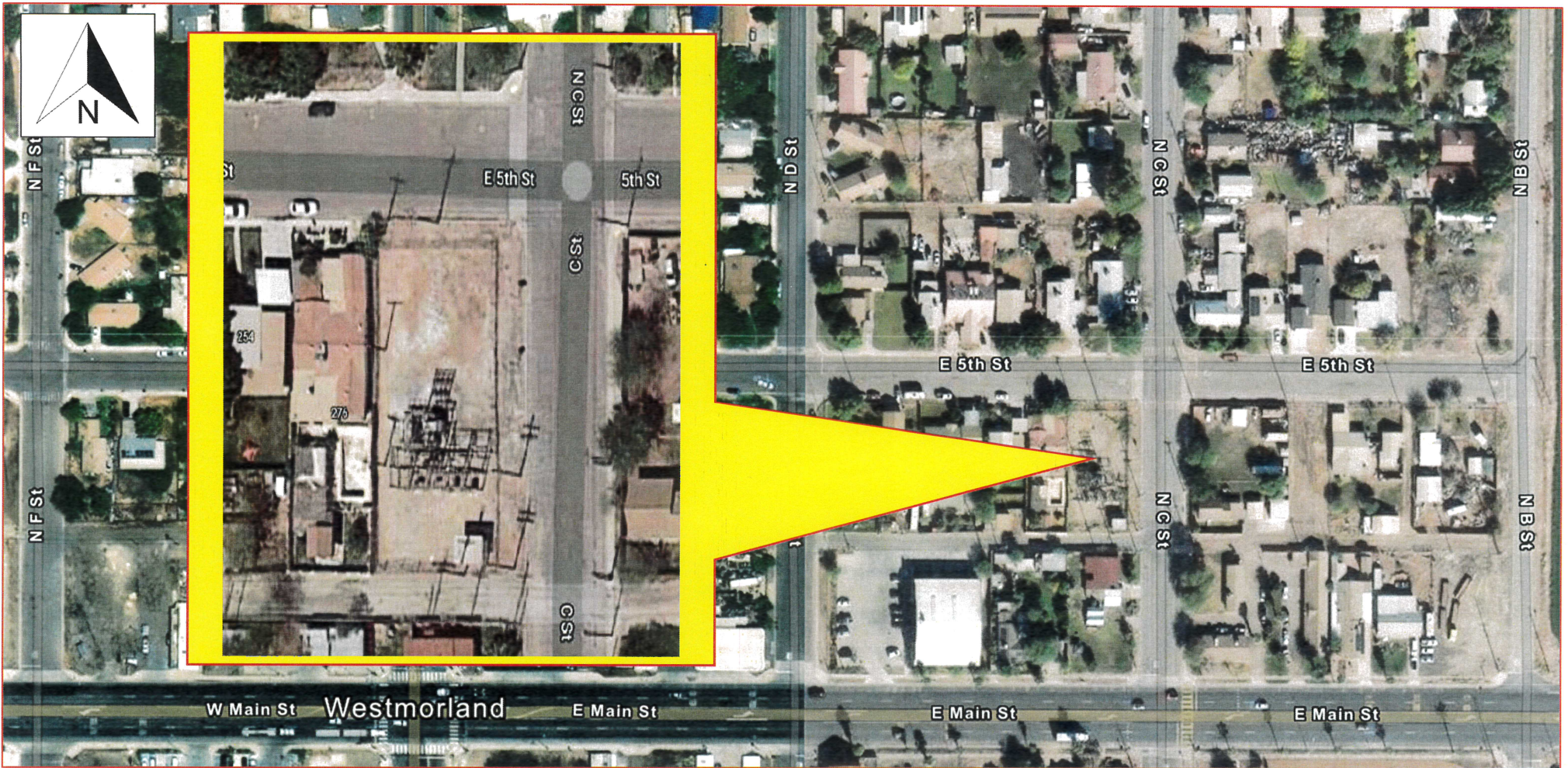
If filed by applicant:

- 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: Vargas, Donald Date: Title: Compliance Administrator II

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.



Westmorland Substation Upgrade Project No. 2.00358
Northwest corner of east 5th St. and north C St. in Westmorland, California, 92281
Location Map

This project involves upgrading the substation to support two independent 34.5kV sources. Work includes installing two 34.5kV, 1200A vacuum breakers with protection relays (311L, 311C, and 751A), six single-phase PTs on the 34.5kV bus and sub-transmission lines (BP and RW), and four 34.5kV-1200A gang-operated disconnect switches, two of which include grounding switches. The project also requires new concrete foundations, steel structures, AC and DC panels, a battery charger, a battery bank, conduit, grounding. This project requires the replacement of a circuit breaker at Brawley Diesel (BPO breaker) and protection work at Rockwood and Brawley Diesel Substations. This project is essential to improve the reliability and resiliency of the substation by enabling it to be powered by two independent sources. In the event of a failure of one source, the second source will maintain power to the substation, preventing service interruptions. By completing this project, the frequency and duration of blackouts affecting the area will be significantly reduced. These improvements will enhance system reliability, increase operational flexibility, and support the long-term stability of the electrical network serving Westmorland and surrounding areas. The Brawley Diesel Substation is located at 4233 Dogwood Rd, Brawley, CA 92227 (32° 58' 4.57" N, 115° 32' 6.22" W) and the Rockwood Substation is located at SWC of Dogwood Rd & Mead Rd, Brawley, CA (32°57'19.9"N 115°32'07.8"W).