



Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of San Diego
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From: San Diego County Water Authority
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Project Title: Ramona Pipeline Buried Valve Replacement and Facilities (Q0335)

Project Location - Specific: Along the Ramona Pipeline of Interstate 15, under and adjacent to Rancho Bernardo near Silver Crest Lane and Bernardo Center Drive and at Bing Crosby Boulevard and Artesian Road.

Project Location - City: City of San Diego and Unincorporated

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project will address infrastructure concerns, allow for easier access during routine maintenance and remove infrastructure which is obsolete. The project will replace Pipeline 3 and Pipeline 4 turnouts and vault structure roofs. Construction activities will also include replacement of existing valves, and abandonment or removal of existing air valve and blow off structures along the pipeline alignment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego County Water Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Diego County Water Authority


Exempt Status:

- 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: Class 1 Existing Facilities (Sec. 15301), Class 2 Replacement and Reconstruction (Sec. 15302), and Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Sec. 15303)
- Statutory Exemption:

Reasons why project is exempt: The work activities consist of installation of valves and structural improvements to existing facilities and involve negligible or no expansion (Sec. 15301). The project will replace valves that will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose as the existing valves (Sec. 15302). The addition of valve vaults are less than 500 square feet and pipeline segments less than 150 feet (Sec. 15303). Maintenance and replacement of existing facilities and construction of new small structures are specifically categorically exempted from CEQA per the Water Authority's Administrative Code implementing CEQA [§8.00.060(a)1(i); §8.00.060(a)3(i); §8.00.060(a)2(i)].

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