

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County of: San Diego  
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260  
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From (Public Agency):  
Rainbow Municipal Water District  
3707 Old Highway 395  
Fallbrook, CA 92028

(Address)

**Project Title:** Manual Transfer Switches

**Project Applicant:** Rainbow Municipal Water District

**Project Location – Specific:** Morro Hills Road, 80 feet west of San Jacinto Drive (Morro Hills Pump Station); Old Highway 395, approximately 400 feet north of Rainbow Vista Drive (Rainbow Hills Pump Station); Rainbow Valley Blvd near intersection with Rainbow Creek Road (Vallecitos Pump Station). See location map below.

**Project Location – City:** Fallbrook (unincorporated) **Project Location – County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Rainbow Municipal Water District (District) owns and operates the existing Morro Hills, Vallecitos, and Rainbow Hills pump stations. The Morro Hills Pump Station (PS) serves the Morro Tank, the Vallecitos PS serves the Vallecitos Tank, and the Rainbow Hills PS serves the Rainbow Hills Reservoir. During both planned and unplanned power outages, and routine maintenance operations, staff must manually connect power from the portable generators to each pump station’s electrical bus bar. Especially during emergency conditions like a fire, this type of work is considered high risk. The project involves the installation of a manual transfer switch (MTS) at each pump station to allow any staff member to safely and easily connect to temporary generator power.

**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: Class 1, Section 15301, Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project consists of installation of a MTS at three existing pump stations, which would allow the safe transfer of electrical power during emergencies. Construction would be entirely located within the developed facilities, involving no expansion of existing use. The projects are not located within a sensitive environment, would not result in cumulative impacts or significant effects, would not damage resources within a state scenic highway, are not located on a hazardous waste site, and would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

**Lead Agency:** Rainbow Municipal Water District

**Contact Person:** Malik Tamimi **Area Code/Telephone Extension:** 760-728-1178

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption filing.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: *Chad A Williams*

Date: Jun 24, 2025

Title: Eng. & CIP Program Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

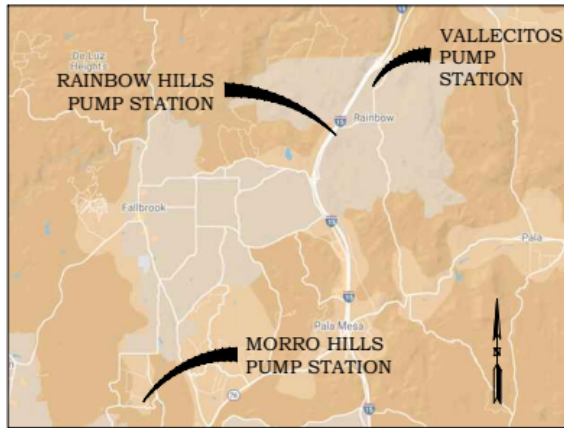
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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Project Locations:



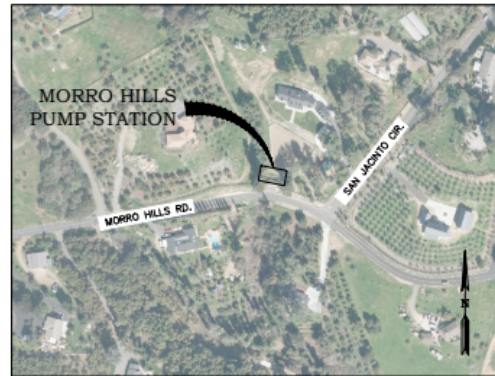
VICINITY MAP  
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RAINBOW HILLS LOCATION MAP  
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VALLECITOS LOCATION MAP  
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MORRO HILLS LOCATION MAP  
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