

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>	<p>FROM: Western Municipal Water District (Western Water) (Public Agency) 14205 Meridian Pkwy Riverside, CA 92518</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk County of:</p>	<p>Address 2724 Gateway Dr Riverside CA 92507</p>

1. Project Title:	W-325 Service Connection Abandonment at March Air Reserve Base
2. Project Applicant:	Western Municipal Water District
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	At the March Air Reserve Base, within Western Municipal Water District boundary, Three different service connections 1,2 &3. See attached location map.
4. (a) Project Location – City:	Moreno Valley, CA
(b) Project Location – County:	Riverside County
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	<p>The project involves the permanent abandonment of three existing potable water service connections, Service Connection No. 1 (Alessandro/Barton), No. 2 (Westgate at Cactus Avenue), and No. 3 (Eastgate at Heacock Street and John F. Kennedy Drive), that currently serve the March Air Reserve Base (MARB) area. This work is being conducted in accordance with the Interagency Agreement between Eastern and Western Municipal Water Districts.</p> <p>The purpose of the abandonment is to consolidate and streamline potable water delivery to the MARB Area through a newly constructed intertie connection at Cactus Avenue and Riverside Avenue (Service Connection No. 6), which has sufficient capacity to meet current and future water demands for the area, including maximum day and fire flow requirements. The new connection improves system efficiency, reliability, and long-term operational coordination between agencies.</p> <p>The beneficiaries of the project include Western Municipal Water District (as the retail water provider), tenants and future developments within the MARB Area, and the broader community through enhanced system reliability and cost-effective infrastructure management.</p> <p>No ground-disturbing construction is required for the abandonment beyond routine capping and disconnection work, and all activities will take place within existing disturbed utility corridors. The project will not result in significant environmental impacts.</p>

6.	Name of Public Agency approving project:	Western Municipal Water District
7.	Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Western Municipal Water District
8.	Exempt status: (check one)	
(a)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
(c)	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))

(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Class 1 – Existing Facilities (Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines)
(e)	<input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(f)	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
9.	Reason why project was exempt:	Class 1 – Existing Facilities (Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines) .. Minor alterations or decommissioning of existing public utility infrastructure with no expansion use.
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person:	Ellie Yazdani
	Telephone:	951.571.7220
11.	If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form “A”) before filing.	
12.	Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the Public Agency approving the project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13.	Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: _____	

Signature: Ellie Yazdani Date: 6/30/2025 Title: Engineer II

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: _____

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