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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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From: Goleta Water District  
4699 Hollister Avenue  
Goleta, CA 93110-1999

**Project Title:** Goleta Water District – San Antonio Blow Off Abandonment

**Project Applicant:** N/A

**GWD Project No.** 24-4815

**Project Location - Specific:** Goleta Water District San Antonio Blow Off Valves  
(34.464203°, -119.774442°), (34.463413°, -119.774588°)

**Project Location – City:**  Goleta  Santa Barbara  Unincorporated Area

**Project Location – County:** Santa Barbara

**Description of Nature & Purpose of Project:** Goleta Water District (District) owns and operates a two blow-off valves located along San Antonio Creek. The proposed work involves removing the existing blow-off valves and capping the pipeline, which became exposed during the February 2024 storms. If left unaddressed, the exposed valve is vulnerable to damage from potential flooding or falling trees, which could result in the uncontrolled release of water and negatively impact water storage and the surrounding environment.

**Name of Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project:** Goleta Water District

**Exempt Status:**  Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268);  
 Declared Emergency (§21080(b); 15269(a));  
 Emergency Project (§21080(b)(3); 15269(b)(c));  
 **Categorical Exemption. Article 19, Section 15302 (c) - Replacement or Reconstruction of Utility Systems.**

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The removal and capping of the valves is exempt from CEQA as it involves the replacement of an existing facility serving substantially the same purpose, with no expansion of capacity. This is a critical project to ensure site safety and protect system water storage capacity

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**Date:** 7/30/2025

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