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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 – La Paloma Blow Off Abandonment

**Project Applicant:** N/A

**GWD Project No.** 24-4815

**Project Location - Specific:** Goleta Water District La Paloma Blow Off  
(34.451810°, -119.768426°)

**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 blow-off valve located along a dirt access road near Cathedral Oaks and Foothill Road. The proposed work involves removing the existing blow-off valve 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 valve 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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