

Riverside County
Facilities Management
3450 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

July 15, 2025

Project Name: Jurupa Valley Animal Services Shelter Cooling Tower Restoration Project, Riverside,

Project Number: FM08420014301

Project Locations: 6851 Van Buren Boulevard, south Limonite Avenue, Riverside, California; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 163-300-002

Description of Project: The Western Riverside County Animal Shelter is located at 6851 Van Buren Blvd. in Riverside, California, 92509. The shelter provides animal services to our local residents which include; adoptions, licensing, microchipping, spay and neuter services, and vaccinations. The current cooling tower located in the ground level of the shelter is in need of restoration. The cooling tower is in good working condition but requires an overhaul to continue a longer useful life. The scope of work for the Jurupa Valley Animal Shelter Cooling Tower Project (Project) includes, but is not limited to, restoring the cooling tower by replacing the VersaCross Fill Media, shafts, bearings and sheaves with bushings, vibration switches, motors, spay nozzles and v-belts, and provide adjustments to the motor rods. The restoration of the cooling tower at the animal shelter is identified as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The operation of the facility will continue to provide public services and will not result in an expansion of existing use. No additional direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Facilities Management

Exempt Status: State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15301 Existing Facilities Exemption; Section and 15061(b) (3), General Rule or "Common Sense" Exemption, Codified under Title 14, Articles 5 and 19, Sections 15061, and 15301.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project will not cause an impact to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern nor would the project include unusual circumstances which could have the possibility of having a significant effect on the environment. The project would not result in impacts to scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historic resources, or other sensitive natural environments, or have a cumulative effect to the environment. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur with restoration of the cooling tower at the animal shelter.

