

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: San Bernardino

From: (Public Agency): San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
380 East Vanderbilt Way
San Bernardino, CA 92408

(Address)

Project Title: Cactus Basins Pipeline Connector Preliminary Investigations

Project Applicant: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Btwn just east of N Riverside Ave & intersection of N Locust Ave & W Casa Grande Dr

Project Location - City: Rialto Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves preliminary investigations (potholing) along an existing Metropolitan Water District right-of-way in the City of Rialto. The potholing will inform project design options for a future potential water pipeline project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

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: Type - Class 4, Section 15304; Class 6, Section 15306
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt under Class 4 because it involves minor trenching (for potholing) and backfilling within paved and previously disturbed compacted areas, where the surface will be restored, and where no trees will be removed. The project is also exempt under Class 6, Section 15306, because it involves data collection (potholing to determine existing buried facilities) that will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Aaron Jones Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 909-387-9254

If filed by applicant:

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

Signature: Heather Dyer, MS, MBA Digitally signed by Heather Dyer, MS, MBA
Date: 2025.08.04 16:23:39 -07'00' Date: August 4, 2025 Title: CEO/General Manager

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____