NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

1.	Project Title:	W-345 Northwell 2 Rehabilitation
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):	Located on the property at 24308 Kentucky Derby Way, Murrieta, CA. See attached location map.
4.	(a) Project Location – City:	Murrieta, CA
	(b) Project Location – County:	Riverside County
5.	Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	The project consists of the rehabilitation of an existing municipal groundwater well and associated facilities to restore well performance and improve water quality. Rehabilitation activities include removal of residual drilling mud and other obstructions, mechanical and chemical well development, video inspections, and adjustments to pumping equipment and appurtenant piping as needed. All work will occur within the existing well site footprint. The purpose of the project is to restore well production capacity and improve water quality to ensure the facility can operate as intended and provide a reliable local water supply. The beneficiaries of the project are the customers served by Western Municipal Water District, including residential, commercial, and institutional users who rely on a safe and dependable potable water supply. All work will occur within the existing well site footprint, and no ground-disturbing activities are required.
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,	Western Municipal Water District

	certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:		
8.	Exempt status: (check one)		
	(a) ☐	Ministerial project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
	(b) ☐	Not a project.	
	(c) ☐	Emergency Project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))

	(d) ☒	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	**Class 1 – Existing Facilities (Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines)**
	(e) ☐	Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
	(f) ☐	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
	(g) ☐	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? ☐ Yes ☐ ☐ No ☒		
13.	Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? ☐ Yes ☐ ☐ No ☒ If yes, the date of the public hearing was: _____		

Signature: Ellie Yazdani Date: 10/01/2025 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.

PRELIMINARY EXEMPTION ASSESSMENT

(Certificate of Determination
When Attached to Notice of Exemption)

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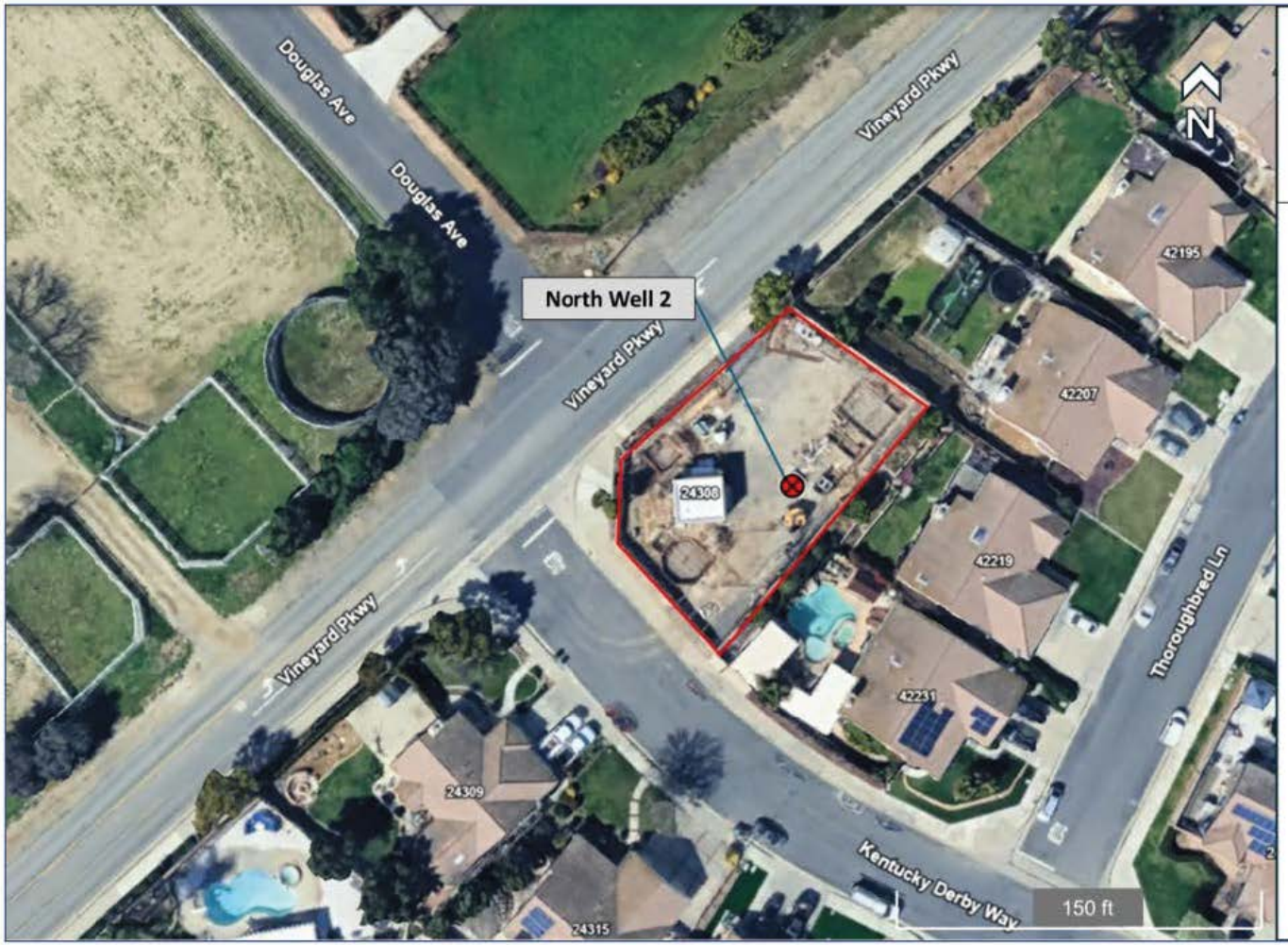
3.	Entity or person undertaking project:	A. Western Municipal Water District	
		B. Other (Private)	
		(1) Name	
		(2) Address	

4. Staff Determination:

The Lead Agency's Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the Lead Agency's "Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)" has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:

a.	☐	The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.	
b.	☐	The project is a Ministerial Project.	
c.	☐	The project is an Emergency Project.	
d.	☐	The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.	
e.	☒	The project is categorically exempt.	
		Applicable Exemption Class:	Title 14. California Code of Regulations Article 19. Categorical Exemptions Class 1 – Existing Facilities (Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines)
f.	☐	The project is statutorily exempt.	
		Applicable Exemption:	
g.	☐	The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis:	
h.	☐	The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.	
		Name of Lead Agency:	

Date: Ellie Yazdani Staff: 10/01/2025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