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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260
San Diego, CA 92101

From: (Public Agency): Olivenhain Municipal Water District
1966 Olivenhain Road
Encinitas, CA 92024
(Address)

Project Title: The Olivenhain MWD intends, by ordinance, to increase water rates and charges, and implement drought rates for calendar year 2026

Project Applicant: Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD)

Project Location - Specific:
OMWD service area which covers approximately 31,000 acres in NW San Diego

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Project is to increase water rates and charges within the area already served by the Olivenhain Municipal Water District. The purpose of the Project is to raise essential funds to meet anticipated operating expenses, to provide adequate reserve funds, and to maintain service within the existing service areas in compliance with the Government Code Section 66016. The increased fees and charges are not tied to any development project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Olivenhain 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: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15273(a)(1)-(4)

Reasons why project is exempt:
1) No Project per Section 15378(b)(4) - The Project is a continuing administrative activity of the District which will not result in any physical change in the environment. The increase of water rates and charges is not being considered in conjunction with the approval of any specific project and will be used solely to meet anticipated operating expenses, to provide adequate reserve funds, and to maintain service in existing service areas.
(2) Exemption - the new increase in water rates and charges are being set based on accounting evaluations of the District's operating expenses and capital costs necessary to maintain service in existing areas.
(3) No Significant Effect - the activity will not have any significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Kimberly Thorner, General Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 753-6466

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: Kimberly A Thorner Date: 10/15/25 Title: 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: _____