NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Domestic Water Chemical Repairs Project

Project Location: The location of this project is in the cities of Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, La Quinta and Indian Wells, California within the County of Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Domestic Water Chemical Repairs Project (Project) proposes removing defective stucco and installing new stucco on existing Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) chlorine buildings at the following nine existing sites:

1. Well 5630
2. Well 4611
3. Well 5682
4. Well 4720
5. Well 5715
6. Booster Station 05655
7. Booster Station 05609
8. Booster Station 05610
9. Booster Station 05689

The purpose of this project is to protect the wood frame and restore the outside wall aesthetics of the existing chlorine buildings. During Project construction, the sites will remain active and in service, with work being performed with minimal disruption to CVWD's ongoing operation of the facilities. The Project will involve removing and disposing of defective stucco on all four sides of existing 11-foot by 11-foot wood-framed chlorine buildings within the nine domestic water sites. Proper preparation of surfaces will be conducted per industry standards before new stucco and trim are applied. The newly installed stucco will match the existing color and texture of the existing buildings on-site to maintain uniformity in appearance. The application of stucco will follow industry best practices to ensure durability and consistency. Construction for this Project is anticipated to take place in or around December 2025 and last approximately 4 months until completion. No ground disturbance will be performed during the removal and installation of the defective stucco. The Project is not located within or adjacent to a conservation area associated with the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). buildings within the nine domestic water sites. Proper preparation of surfaces will be conducted per industry standards before new stucco and trim are applied. The newly installed stucco will match the existing

color and texture of the existing buildings on-site to maintain uniformity in appearance. The application of stucco will follow industry best practices to ensure durability and consistency. Construction for this Project is anticipated to take place in or around December 2025 and last approximately 4 months until completion. No ground disturbance will be performed during the removal and installation of the defective stucco. The Project is not located within or adjacent to a conservation area associated with the CVMSHCP.
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Lead Agency Approving Project and Contact: Coachella Valley Water District; Ronald Khoury, Engineer II / Phone: (760) 398-2651

Exempt Status:

☐ **Not a project**: State CEQA Guidelines §15378
☒ **Review for Exemption/Common Sense Exemption**: State CEQA Guideline §15061(b)(3)
☐ **Ministerial**: (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guideline §15268)
☐ **Declared Emergency**: (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guideline §15269(a))
☐ **Emergency Project**: 15269(b)
☐ **Statutory Exempt**: State CEQA Guidelines § 15277
☒ **Categorically Exempt**: State CEQA Guidelines §15301
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Reasons why project is exempt:
State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) This commonsense exemption applies when there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This project involves the removal and replacement of defective stucco and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

State CEQA Guidelines §15301 (Existing Facilities) allows for the repair and maintenance of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. The Project consists of repairing and replacing stucco on buildings located at existing domestic water facilities and will require no expansion of use.

Environmental Contact Person: Carlos Huerta, CVWD Environmental Resources Analyst, Phone (760) 398-2651

Date:

Sylvia Bermudez
Clerk of the Board

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

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