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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☐	Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: (Public Agency)	Name: Santa Margarita Water District Address: 26111 Antonio Parkway Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688 Telephone: 949-459-6642
☒	Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk (Include County name) Address: 400 West Civic Center Dr. 6th Floor Santa Ana, CA 92701		

1.	Project Title:	**Transition to By-Division Electoral System**
2.	Project Applicant:	**Santa Margarita 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):	**Santa Margarita Water District jurisdictional boundaries**
4.	(a) Project Location – City: Rancho Santa Margarita, Mission Viejo, Talega, Ladera Ranch, Rancho Mission Viejo, San Juan Capistrano, Coto de Caza	(b) Project Location – County: Orange
5.	Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING BY-DIVISION ELECTIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DEFINING DIVISION BOUNDARIES, AND SCHEDULING ELECTIONS WITHIN THE DIVISIONS	
6.	Name of Public Agency approving project:	Santa Margarita Water District Board of Directors
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, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Santa Margarita Water District
8.	Exempt status: (check one)	

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(a)	☐	Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b)	☒	Not a project.	
(c)	☐	Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(d)	☐	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	
(e)	☐	Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Resources 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:

Adoption of this Resolution is an organizational and administrative activity of the District, does not have the potential to result in either a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and is therefore not a project for purposes of CEQA. (State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(5).) In the event adoption of this Resolution does constitute a project, it is categorically exempt under the Class 20 (Changes in the Organization of Local Governments) categorical exemption. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15320.) Further, none of the exceptions to the exemptions found in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply.

10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Daniel Ferons

Telephone: 949-459-6590

11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "B") 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: February 17, 2023

Signature: _____ Date: Feb. 24, 2023

Name: Daniel Ferons Title: General Manager

☒ 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.

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/22) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
30 — 02/24/2023 — 0155

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*
N/A

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT		02/24/2023

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
Orange	202385000145

PROJECT TITLE

TRANSITION TO BY-DIVISION ELECTORAL SYSTEM

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT		(949)459-6642

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
26111 ANTONIO PARKWAY	RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	CA	92688

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☑ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$3,839.25	$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,764.00	$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,203.25	$	0.00

☑ Exempt from fee

- ☑ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$	0.00
☐ County documentary handling fee		$	0.00
☐ Other		$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 0.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X Dulce Cuevas	DEPUTY CLERK, DULCE CUEVAS

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT | COPY - CDFW/ASB | COPY - LEAD AGENCY | COPY - COUNTY CLERK | DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012022)

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CLERK-RECORDER

BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES
MARRIAGE LICENSES/RECORDS
NOTARY REGISTRATION
ORANGE COUNTY ARCHIVES
PASSPORTS
PROPERTY RECORDS

SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT
26111 ANTONIO PKWY
RCHO SA MARGARITA, CA 92688

Office of the Orange County Clerk-Recorder
Memorandum

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

The attached notice was received, filed and a copy was posted on 02/24/2023

It remained posted for 30 (thirty) days.

Hugh Nguyen
Clerk - Recorder
In and for the County of Orange

By: Nancy Miranda Deputy

Public Resource Code 21092.3

The notice required pursuant to Sections 21080.4 and 21092 for an environmental impact report shall be posted in the office of the County Clerk of each county *** in which the project will be located and shall remain posted for a period of 30 days. The notice required pursuant to Section 21092 for a negative declaration shall be so posted for a period of 20 days, unless otherwise required by law to be posted for 30 days. The County Clerk shall post notices within 24 hours of receipt.

Public Resource Code 21152

All notices filed pursuant to this section shall be available for public inspection, and shall be posted ***** within 24 hours of receipt** in the office of the County Clerk. Each notice shall remain posted for a period of 30 days. *** Thereafter, the clerk shall return the notice to the local **lead** agency *** within a notation of the period it was posted. The local **lead** agency shall retain the notice for not less than nine months.

Additions or changes by underline; deletions by ***