NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:	Riverside County Clerk 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507 Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: (Public Agency)	Name: Desert Water Agency Address: P. O. Box 1710 Palm Springs, CA 92263 Telephone: (760) 323-4971

1. Project Title:	Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Capital Improvements
2. Project Applicant:	Desert Water Agency
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):	Desert Water Agency Service Area
4. (a) Project Location – City: Palm Springs	(b) Project Location – County: Riverside County
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	Aside from projects which have been or will be subject to CEQA review, the Agency's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Capital Improvements consist of pipeline, service, and equipment replacements; water main oversizing; meter and equipment purchases; miscellaneous field and office equipment purchases; transportation and maintenance equipment purchases; various maintenance and repair projects at existing water system facilities; laboratory office improvements; and activities which will assist the Agency in operating and maintaining safe and reliable water and recycled water systems for the benefit of the public.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Desert Water Agency
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:	Desert Water Agency
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(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:	Class 1: Existing Facilities (§ 15301); Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction (§ 15302); Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (§ 15303)

(e) ☐ Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(f) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) ☒ Other. Explanation:	No possibility of significant environmental effect. State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)
9. Reason why project was exempt:	The project consists of minor alteration of existing facilities and involves no expansion of existing use. There is no possibility that the project will result in a significant effect upon the environment.

10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	James R. Beale, Consulting Engineer (951) 684-6900
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing. N/A	
12. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	
13. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, the date of the public hearing:	

Signature

Date: December 18, 2025

James R. Beale
Name

Title: Krieger & Stewart, Incorporated
Agency Consulting Engineer

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: Click to enter date

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