

Notice of Exemption

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

County Clerk

County of: Orange

From: (Public Agency): Santa Margarita Water District
26111 Antonio Parkway
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

(Address)

Project Title: Tirador Easement Sewer Improvements C-9028B

Project Applicant: Santa Margarita Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Approx 400 ft south of terminus of Via Caminata Ave on east side, adjacent to 5 frwy

Project Location - City: San Juan Capistrano Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Replacement of approx 100 lineal feet of existing sewer pipeline within public right-of-way to provide adequate capacity to meet existing demand

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Margarita Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Margarita 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: 15302 Class 2
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080.21

Reasons why project is exempt:

Categorical Exemption: Replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities.

Statutory Exemption: Pipeline within public right-of-way less than one mile in length.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Tricia Butler Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 949-459-6554

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: Patricia Butler Date: 12/17/25 Title: Chief Engineer

☒ 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.

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1. Project Title:	Tirador Easement Sewer Improvements C-9028B
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):	Approximately 400 feet south of the terminus of Via Caminata Avenue on the east side and adjacent to the Interstate 5 freeway in the City of San Juan Capistrano, CA; District easement adjacent to the public San Juan Creek Trail.
4. (a) Project Location – City: San Juan Capistrano	(b) Project Location – County: Orange
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	Replacement of approximately 100 lineal feet of existing sewer pipeline within public right-of-way to provide adequate capacity to meet existing demand.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Santa Margarita 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, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Santa Margarita Water District
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:	CEQA Guidelines 15302 Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Facilities.
(e) ☐ Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(f) ☒ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	Pipeline within public right-of-way less than 1 mile in length. Pub. Resources Code § 21080.21
(g) ☐ Other. Explanation:	

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9. Reason why project was exempt:	The work is replacement of an existing sewer pipeline to ensure adequate capacity to meet existing demand. The replacement would occur in existing public right-of-way and is less than 1 mile in length.
10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Michael Marquis, Project Engineer 949-459-6615
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "B") before filing.	
12. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, the date of the public hearing was: Click to enter date	

Patricia Butler
Signature

Date: May 1, 2023

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CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION

(If Notice of Exemption filed by Project Applicant, Project Applicant must Attach to Notice of Exemption)

1. Name or description of project:	Tirador Easement Sewer Improvements, C-9028B		
2. 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):	Approximately 400 feet south of the terminus of Via Caminata Avenue on the east side and adjacent to the Interstate 5 freeway in the City of San Juan Capistrano, CA; District easement adjacent to the public San Juan Creek Trail.		
3. Entity or person undertaking project:	A. Santa Margarita Water District		
	B. Other (Private) N/A		
	(1) Name	Santa Margarita Water District	
	(2) Address	26111 Antonio Parkway Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 926888	
4. Staff Determination:			
The Lead Agency's Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Lead Agency's Local Guidelines for Implementing 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:	CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction.	
f. ☒	The project is statutorily exempt.		
	Applicable Exemption:	Pipeline replacement within public right-of-way less than 1 mile in length. Pub. Resources Code § 21080.21	
g. ☐	The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis:	Click to enter text	
h. ☐	The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.		
	Name of Lead Agency:	Click to enter Agency	

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