

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: Orange

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

(Address)

Project Title: Alicia A and B Reservoir Management System (RMS) and Safety Upgrades, C-1111A.01

Project Applicant: Santa Margarita Water District

Project Location - Specific:

28871-1/2 Woodcreek, Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Project Location - City: Mission Viejo Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Construct reservoir improvements, includes electrical power and controls, a new chemical storage facility, safety improvements and paint touch-up performed with full containment.

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: Categorical Exemption Sec. 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is located within the Santa Margarita Water District site property fence line and is covered under Class 1: Existing Facilities under the State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301

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: Tricia Butler Date: 1/19/26 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



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Complete and attach this form to each CEQA Notice filed with the County Clerk-Recorder

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

Alicia A and B Reservoir Management System (RMS) and Safety Upgrades,
C-1111A.01

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
☐ Other (Please fill in type):

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HUGH NGUYEN, CLERK-RECORDER

BY: [Signature] DEPUTY

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COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER ON _____

Posted for 30 days

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DEPUTY Jacqueline Negrete

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☐ Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: Name: (Public Santa Margarita Water District Agency) Address: 26111 Antonio Parkway Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688 Telephone: 949.459.6400
☒ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk (Include County name) Address: Orange	

1. Project Title:	Alicia A and B Reservoir Management System (RMS) and Safety Upgrades, C-1111A.01
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):	28871-1/2 Woodcreek, Mission Viejo CA 92692 Cross Streets: Woodcreek and Bluejay
4. (a) Project Location – City: Mission Viejo	(b) Project Location – County: Orange
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	The Project's goal is to construct reservoir improvements that include replacement of roof access hatches for operator access, new hatches for RMS mixers and chlorine dosing, and the addition/replacement of roof vents for reservoir filling and draining operations. Chlorine dosing will include electrical power and controls, and a new chemical storage facility. For safety improvements, the Project includes the replacement of ladders, new stairways, and roof fall restraint systems. These improvements will require paint touchup, and the painting will be performed with full containment.
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,	Santa Margarita Water District

permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) ☐ Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) ☐ Not a project.	State CEQA Guidelines 15050(c)(2)-(3)
(c) ☐ Declared Emergency	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(d) ☐ Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(e) ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Covered under Class 1: Existing Facilities under the State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301.
(f) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) ☐ Other. Explanation:	
9. Reason why project was exempt:	The proposed project is located with the SMWD site property fence line and is covered under Class 1: Existing Facilities under the State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301.
10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Patricia A. Butler 949.459.6554
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:	

Patricia A. Butler
Signature

Date: 4/16/2024

Patricia A. Butler, P.E.
Name

Title: Chief Engineer

☐ Signed by Lead Agency

☒ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

(Clerk Stamp Here)

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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:	Alicia A and B Reservoir Management System (RMS) and Safety Upgrades, C-1111A.01										
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3. Entity or person undertaking project: Santa Margarita Water District 26111 Antonio Parkway Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"><tr><td colspan="2">A. Santa Margarita Water District</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">B. Other (Private)</td></tr><tr><td style="width: 10%;">(1) Name</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>(2) Address</td><td></td></tr></table>			A. Santa Margarita Water District		B. Other (Private)		(1) Name		(2) Address	
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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.										
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Date: 4/16/2024

Staff: Patricia A. Butler
Patricia A. Butler P.E., Chief Engineer