

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: Calle Delgado 600 Zone PRS Replacement with chain link fence and top enclosure

Project Applicant: Santa Margarita Water District

Project Location - Specific:

22722 Calle Delgado, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Modification to above ground piping and valves will ensure reliable service to multiple southern residential areas in the City of San Juan Capistrano. Chain link fence will provide security with colored slats for visual screening.

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: _____
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Emergency replacement of corroded domestic water pressure reducing station piping and valves within an existing below ground vault to above ground equipment. PRS vault is beneath a sidewalk in a public right-of-way.

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: 1/21/26 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.

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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

Calle Delgado 600 Zone Pressure Reducing Station Replacement with chain link
fence and top enclosure

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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☒ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk (Include County name) Address: Click to enter address	FILED SEP 17 2024 HUGH NGUYEN, CLERK-RECORDER BY:  DEPUTY

1. Project Title:	Calle Delgado 600 Zone Pressure Reducing Station Replacement with chain link fence and top enclosure, C-99540A
2. Project Applicant:	Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD)
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):	22722 Called Delgado in the City of San Juan Capistrano. The nearest cross streets are Via De Agua / Calle Miramar / Calle Delgado.
4. (a) Project Location – City: Click to enter City	(b) San Juan Capistrano – County: Orange
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	Emergency replacement of corroded domestic water (DW) pressure reducing station (PRS) piping and valves within an existing below ground vault to all new above ground equipment. The existing PRS vault is beneath a sidewalk (in public right-of-way) at the end of Calle Delgado (blind alley). Modification to above ground piping and valves will be performed above the PRS vault to ensure reliable service to multiple southern residential areas in the City of San Juan Capistrano. Includes a chain link fence and top enclosure (same approximate size as vault perimeter) for security with colored slats for visual screening of above ground piping and valves.
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:	Class 1: Existing Facilities under the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301
(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:	Emergency Project – see above also.
10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Jaime Aguilar- Principal Engineer / Mike Marquis Project Engineer 949-459-6582 / 949-459- 6615
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") 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: Click to enter date	

Patricia Butler
Signature

Date: September 12, 2024

Patricia Butler

Title: Chief Engineer

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☒ Signed by Applicant

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Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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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:	Calle Delgado 600 Zone Pressure Reducing Station Replacement with chain link fence and top enclosure, C-99540A Emergency replacement of corroded domestic water (DW) pressure reducing station (PRS) piping and valves within an existing below ground vault to all new above ground equipment. The existing PRS vault is beneath a sidewalk (in public right-of-way) at the end of Calle Delgado (blind alley). Modification to above ground piping and valves will be performed above the PRS vault to ensure reliable service to multiple southern residential areas in the City of San Juan Capistrano. Includes a chain link fence and top enclosure (same approximate size as vault perimeter) for security with colored slats for visual screening of above ground piping and valves.																													
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Date: September 12, 2024

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Staff: Patricia A. Butler

Patricia A. Butler P.E., Chief Engineer

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Certificate of Determination

BY: [Signature]

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