

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>	<p>FROM: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (Public Agency) 1210 Beaumont Ave. Beaumont, CA 92223</p>
<p>Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk County of: Riverside 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507</p>	

1. Project Title:	Brookside East Heli-Hydrant Facility
2. Project Applicant:	San Gorgonio Pass 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):	<p>The project is located on Brookside Ave across from Beaumont High School and to the right of the Mountain View Channel. (Refer to Figure 1 – Vicinity Map.)</p> <p>The project is located within Section 34, Township 2 South, Range 1 West, and San Bernardino Base and Meridian.</p>
4. (a) Project Location – City:	Beaumont
(b) Project Location – County:	Riverside
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	<p>The proposed project involves the installation of a heli-hydrant system to support aerial wildfire suppression operations and provide the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) with additional water resources during wildfire events. The system will include a cylindrical, above-ground water storage tank measuring 15 feet in diameter and 8.5 feet in height, with a total capacity of approximately 8,500 gallons of potable water. The tank will be enclosed by a 6-foot-high chain-link fence for security and will feature a 25-foot-wide access gate to accommodate emergency response vehicles and maintenance equipment.</p> <p>The heli-hydrant is engineered to maintain a consistent water level, allowing rotary-wing aircraft equipped with snorkel systems (stingers) to extract water while hovering.</p> <p>The total area of ground disturbance is approximately 48,860 square feet, to accommodate construction of a site access road, implementation of dust mitigation, and to ensure safe helicopter operations by avoiding overhead power lines and other aerial obstructions. (Refer to Figure 2 – Site Plan)</p> <p>The tank system will improve CAL FIRE pilots' response time to eradicate fire and reduce the risk of loss of life and property to the surrounding communities within Riverside County.</p> <p>Beneficiaries of the project are San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency customers, which include residential and commercial uses and CAL FIRE.</p>

6.	Name of Public Agency approving project:	San Gorgonio Pass 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:	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
8.	Exempt status: (check one)	
	(a) <input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial project.
	(b) <input type="checkbox"/>	Not a project.
	(c) <input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Project.
	(d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
		Class 3 Exemption – 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (§15303)
	(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency.
	(f) <input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:
	(g) <input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Explanation:
9.	Reason why project was exempt:	The Class 3 Categorical Exemption is applicable to the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures including water facilities. The proposed project is the construction of a small reservoir, referred to as a Heli-hydrant adjacent to the Mountain View Channel. The Heli-hydrant is considered a small water facility, and as such qualifies for a Categorical Exemption per CEQA Guidelines §15303(d).
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person:	
	Telephone:	
11.	If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
12.	Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
13.	Was a public hearing held by the lead agency to consider the exemption? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	If yes, the date of the public hearing was: _____	

Signature: Scott Campbell Date: 12-18-2025 Title: DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: _____

(Clerk Stamp Here)

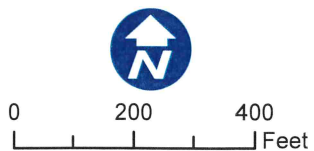
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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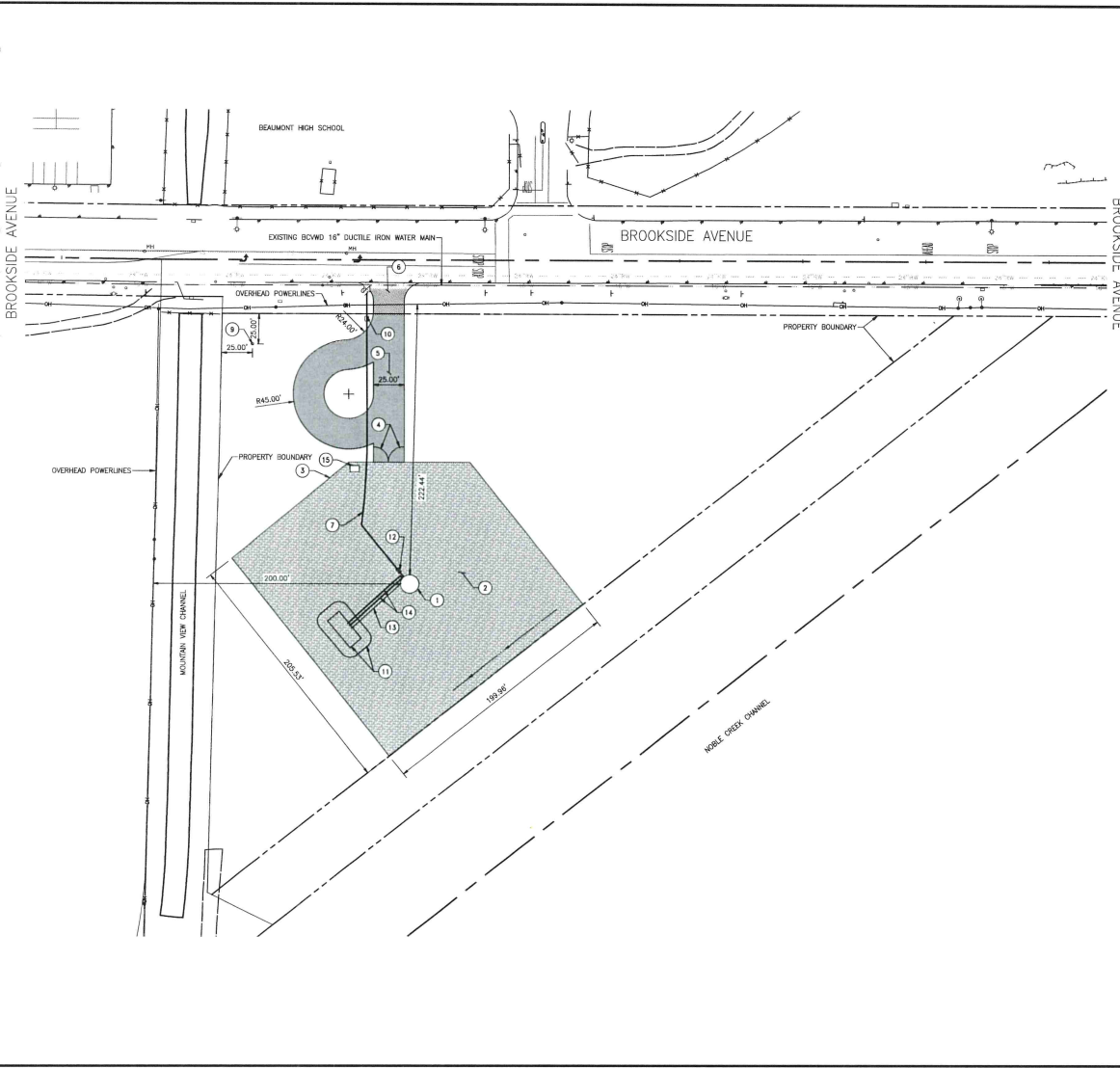


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Figure 1 – Vicinity Map
Brookside East Heli Hydrant and Heli Pad

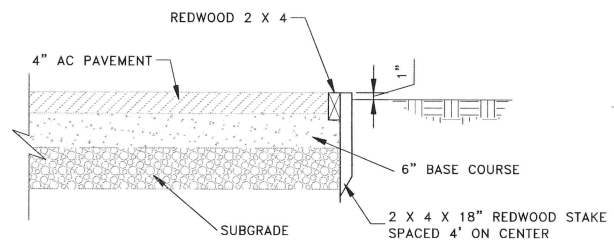


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CONSTRUCTION NOTES:	
①	15" DIAMETER HELI-HYDRANT TANK. OVER-EXCAVATE TANK AREA (AND 2' BEYOND TANK AREA ON ALL SIDES) TO A MINIMUM 18" INCHES BELOW FINISHED GRADE AND RECOMPACT TO A MIN. 95% RELATIVE COMPACTION (ASTM D 1557).
②	1.5" NOMINAL SIZE ROCK, 4" THK. DUST MITIGATION PERIMETER
③	FURNISH & INSTALL 6' HIGH CHAIN-LINK FENCE
④	25' WIDE SWING ACCESS GATE PER DETAIL NO. 101 ON DWG. NO. CD-1 WITH KNOX BOX FOR RESPONDER ACCESS
⑤	25' WIDE ACCESS ROAD, SURFACED WITH 4" THK. AC PAVEMENT OVER 6" THK. CLASS II AGGREGATE BASE COMPACTED TO 95% RELATIVE COMPACTION (ASTM D 1557), SCARIFY SUBGRADE SOILS MIN. 12" DEEP. RECOMPACT SUBGRADE SOILS TO MIN. 95% RELATIVE COMPACTION (ASTM D 1557) WITH REDWOOD HEADER PER DETAIL NO. 101 SHEET 3.
⑥	CONSTRUCT 25' WIDE COMMERCIAL DRIVE APPROACH PER COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT STANDARD DRAWING NO. 207A.
⑦	FURNISH & INSTALL 8" DIA. DUCTILE IRON PIPE, POLYETHYLENE ENCASED (V-BIO ENHANCED). MINIMUM DEPTH OF COVER OF 48-INCHES BELOW PROPOSED FINISHED GRADE. CONTRACTOR TO POTHOLE CONNECTION LOCATION TO VERIFY DEPTH.
⑧	CONNECT TO EXISTING 16" DIA. BCWD WATERLINE IN BROOKSIDE AVENUE UNDER DIRECT BCWD INSPECTION PER DETAIL ON SHEET NO. 5. CONTRACTOR SHALL POT-HOLE TO VERIFY ELEVATION OF EXISTING WATERLINE.
⑨	FURNISH & INSTALL WINDSOCK, LOCATION TO BE VERIFIED TO BE OUTSIDE OF THE HELICOPTER FLIGHT PATH.
⑩	FURNISH & INSTALL 8" DIA. FIRE SERVICE METER ASSEMBLY WITH WILKINS 475DA BACKFLOW WITH STANDARD METERED BYPASS (OR APPROVED EQUAL) WITH ENCLOSURE PER BCWD PLATE NO. 7.
⑪	TANK DRAINAGE DEPRESSION, SIZED TO ACCOMMODATE TWO (2) TANK VOLUMES. LINE DEPRESSION WITH 1.5" ROCK FOR DUST MITIGATION. TANK VOLUME = 8,500 GALLONS, DEPRESSION VOLUME = APPROX. 22,000 GALLONS
⑫	FURNISH & INSTALL 8" DIA. CLA-VAL (MODEL NO. 129-55) IN TRAFFIC RATED (H-20) ACCESS VAULT
⑬	FURNISH & INSTALL 3" DIA. HDPE DRAIN LINE SEE PROFILE ON SHEET 7.
⑭	FURNISH & INSTALL 8" DIA. HDPE OVERFLOW DRAIN LINE SEE PROFILE ON SHEET 7.
⑮	FURNISH & INSTALL HELI-HYDRANT CONTROL PANEL.

NOTE: ON CURVES USE 4 LAYERED REDWOOD BENDER BOARDS



REDWOOD HEADER 101
N.T.S.

Source: WEBB



Figure 2 - Site Plan
Brookside East Heli Hydrant and Heli Pad



PRELIMINARY EXEMPTION ASSESSMENT

(Certificate of Determination
When Attached to Notice of Exemption)

1. Name or description of project:	Brookside East Heli-Hydrant Facility	
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3. Entity or person undertaking project:	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency 1210 Beaumont Ave. Beaumont, CA 92223	
4. Staff Determination:	<p>The Lead Agency's Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the Lead Agency's "Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)" has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:</p>	
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.	
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is a Ministerial Project.	
c. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is an Emergency Project.	
d. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.	
e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project is categorically exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption Class:	Class 3 – 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
f. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is statutorily exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption:	
g. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis:	
h. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.	
	Name of Lead Agency:	

Date: 12-18-2025

Staff: Ernest Camp/M
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

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