

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SERRANO WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING THE  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION AND FINDINGS FOR  
REPLACEMENT WELL NO. 6 AT SERRANO WATER  
DISTRICT MAINTENANCE YARD AND DEMOLITION OF  
SWD WELLS 3 AND 4**

WHEREAS, the Serrano Water District (“District”) owns and operates facilities and infrastructure necessary to provide reliable potable water service in full compliance with all existing federal and state requirements for distribution to District customers for their use; and

WHEREAS, the District proposes to construct one (1) replacement groundwater well, identified as Replacement Well No. 6, complete improvements required to connect Replacement Well No. 6 to the District potable water system, and demolish existing SWD Wells No. 3 and No. 4 (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that existing Well No. 3, located at the District’s headquarters maintenance yard at 18021 Lincoln Street in the City of Villa Park, and Well No. 4, located at a lot approximately 0.25 miles from the District’s headquarters building in unincorporated Orange County, are aging and poor-performing or inactive, and their permanent abandonment and demolition is required to ensure continued and safe supply of reliable and high quality water throughout the District system; and

WHEREAS, Replacement Well No. 6 would be located at the District’s headquarters maintenance yard at 18021 Lincoln Street in the City of Villa Park, together with associated infrastructure necessary to connect the replacement well to the existing District potable water system; and

WHEREAS, the Project would replace existing water supply infrastructure at or near the same locations currently used for District water supply purposes, would serve substantially the same purpose and capacity as the facilities being replaced, and would not result in a significant increase in overall groundwater production capacity or expansion of the District’s water supply system; and

WHEREAS, the Project is a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), Public Resources Code § 21000, *et seq.*, and the State CEQA Guidelines, 14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15000, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the District, as lead agency under CEQA, has reviewed the Project in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines and determined that the Project qualifies for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, the District has caused to be prepared Categorical Exemption Findings, which the Categorical Exemption Findings has analyzed and determined that none of the exceptions to the use of exemptions CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 apply to the Project, and that the Project would not result in significant environmental effects; and

WHEREAS, based upon the analysis in the Categorical Exemption Findings, District staff have recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the Categorical Exemption and associated Findings for the Project, approve the Project as an authorized capital improvement of the District, authorize staff to and file a Notice of Exemption with the Orange County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse as required by CEQA, and direct staff to implement the Project and causing its construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Serrano Water District does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Directors finds that the Project has been reviewed in accordance with CEQA (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations §15000 et seq.), and that the Serrano Water District, as lead agency, has determined in the analysis of the Categorical Exemption Findings that the Project qualifies for a Class 2 Categorical Exemption (Replacement or Reconstruction) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302. The Board of Directors further finds that the Categorical Exemption Findings has analyzed and determined that none of the exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the Project, and that the Project will not result in any significant environmental effects.

Section 2. The Project is hereby approved as an authorized capital project of the District. District staff is hereby authorized and directed to undertake actions as necessary to implement the Project in accordance with applicable laws, District policies, and the approved Categorical Exemption Findings.

Section 3. The Board of Directors of the Serrano Water District hereby approves use of a Categorical Exemption per 14 CCR 15302, and adopts the associated supporting Findings for the Project.

Section 4. District staff is hereby authorized and directed to file a Notice of Exemption for the Project with the Orange County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse in the manner required by CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

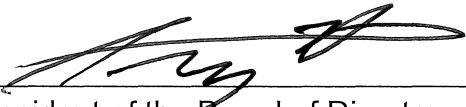
PASSED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Serrano Water District Board of Directors held on February 24, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

Directors: Yes: **Mills, Pitts, Haight, Reese, Bryant**

Directors: No: (Mills, Pitts, Haight, Reese, Bryant)

Directors: Abstain:

Directors: Absent:

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President of the Board of Directors  
Serrano Water District

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Secretary, Serrano Water District