

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Los Angeles County Clerk 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Room 2001 Norwalk, CA 90650	FROM: Rowland Water District 3021 Fullerton Road Rowland Heights, CA 91748 Phone: (562) 697-1726
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Project Title:	Resolution No. 3-2026
Project Location:	Rowland Water District service area
a) Project Location – Cities:	Rowland Heights
Project Location – Counties:	Los Angeles County
Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	On March 10, 2026, Rowland Water District ("District") held a public meeting to discuss adjustments its potable and recycled water capacity fees for the District's service area. The District approved Resolution No. 3-2026, which allows for the adjustment of the potable and recycled water capacity fees to meet the financial needs and requirements and obtain funds for ongoing capital projects, necessary to maintain service within the District's service area.
Name of Public Agency approving action/project:	Rowland Water District
Name of Person or Agency carrying out action/project:	Rowland Water District
Exempt status: (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not a "project".	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	Pub. Resources Code, § 21065; CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15378, subs. (a) & (b)(4) and 15061(b)(3)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other. "Common Sense" exemption	
Reason why action was exempt:	Resolution No. 3-2026 provides for the adjustment of current potable and recycled water capacity fees for the District's service area ("Fees"). These Fees allow the District to meet the District's financial requirements and obtain funds for capital projects, which are necessary to maintain service within the District's potable and recycled water service area as described herein. The Fees do not commit the District to approve any particular project, program, or capital improvement, but will be placed in a separate fund for potential future projects. The proposed Fees are in response to the District's projected need for additional facilities and infrastructure to provide services to

new development. Any activities, including infrastructure improvements, to be funded by the Fees will be subject to future environmental review under CEQA, as applicable, prior to District approval. The adoption of the Fees is necessary and reasonable to meet the District's financial requirements and obtain funds for capital projects.

Based on these findings, the Fee is exempt from CEQA review. First, the proposed Fees, in and of themselves, do not have potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and therefore are not considered a "project" under CEQA. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21065, 14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15378, subd. (a).) Second, the Fees are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; here, there is no possibility that the proposed Fees, in and of themselves, may have a significant effect on the environment. (14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15061, subd. (b)(3).) And third, the proposed Fees are considered a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment on behalf of the District to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. (14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15378, subd. (b)(4).)the adoption of the Fees is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and sections 15378, subds. (a) & (b)(4) and 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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