

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Project Title:** Lower Olive Grove Restroom Repair Project

**Project Location:** Lower Olive Grove Campsite, Lake Piru Recreation Area, 4780 Piru Canyon Road, Piru, California, 93040 (34.475362, - 118.765248)

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project (Lead Agency):** United Water Conservation District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** United Water Conservation District

**Project Description:** The Lower Olive Grove Restroom at the Lake Piru Recreation Area, owned and operated by United Water Conservation District (District), needs repair to restore the original functionality of the facility. The drain system within the restroom regularly backs up and floods the restroom. The existing wall-mounted toilets are damaged at the connection to the wall. To address these deficiencies, a repair project has been proposed to repair the facility. Constructed in 1970, the restroom is situated within the Olive Grove campsite and is one of two restrooms and shower facilities serving the site. The work will consist of replacing all nine wall-mounted toilets and repairing the damaged wall connections. In addition, the original cast iron drainpipes within the floor slab will be excavated and replaced. Most of the drainpipe requiring replacement is located within the existing structure and approximately 25 feet of sewer pipe and 11 feet of sidewalk outside the facility also require replacement. The restroom repair will not increase the capacity of the existing facility. These repairs are restricted to restoring the original functionality of the restroom.



Figure 1. Project Location and Site Access Map



Figure 2. Lower Olive Grove Restrooms

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)  
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))  
 Categorical Exemptions: Class 1, Guidelines § 15301 – Existing Facilities  
 Statutory Exemption
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**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.) Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1).

CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities) categorical exemption applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The key consideration under a CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 exemption is whether a project involves negligible or no expansion of use. Examples of projects that are exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 include the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services and also the addition of safety or health protection devices for use in conjunction with existing facilities. The District reviewed the Project and determined that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities) because the Project involves the repair or maintenance of District facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 sets forth the following exceptions to categorical exemptions:

“(a) Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located--a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

(b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

(c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

(d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

(e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

(f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.”

The District determined that none of the exceptions to categorical exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

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