

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**  
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Project Title: O2 Pump Station Connection

Project Location: The Corner of Polk Street and Ave 74 in Thermal, CA within Riverside County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD) O2 Pump Station Connection Project (Project) will involve connecting the CVWD O2 Pump Station to the CVWD Oasis South Pump Station to alleviate potential capacity deficiencies to nearby irrigation customers. The Project is located on the corner of Polk Street and Ave 74 in Thermal, CA within Riverside County. The Project would require connecting approximately 160 linear feet of Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipe to the two existing pump stations.

Construction of the Project will include approximately seven feet of excavation to install 160 linear feet of PVC pipe. The Project is anticipated to begin in or around May 2026 and is expected to last approximately five calendar days. Surrounding land uses consist of open space, agriculture, and roadways. Project construction would result in approximately three days of service disruptions. A notice will be sent to customers five weeks prior to the start of the Project.

Lead Agency Approving Project and Contact: Coachella Valley Water District; Jose Raya, Engineer I / Phone: (760) 398-2651

Exempt Status:

- Not a project:** State CEQA Guidelines §15378
- Review for Exemption/Common Sense Exemption:** State CEQA Guideline §15061(b)(3)
- Ministerial:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guideline §15268)
- Declared Emergency:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guideline §15269(a))
- Emergency Project:** 15269(b)
- Statutory Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines § 15277
- Categorically Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines: §15301, §15303

Reasons why project is exempt:

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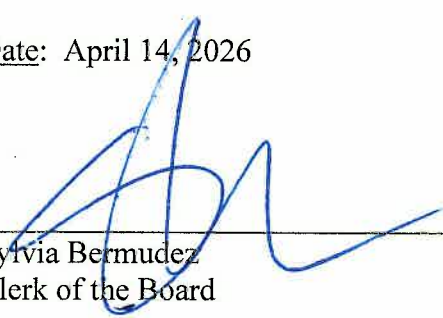
State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption) states an activity is covered by the common sense exemption where CEQA applies only to a project and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

State CEQA Guidelines §15301 (b) (Existing Facilities) consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. This includes existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.

State CEQA Guidelines §15303 (New Construction). This Class 3 exemption allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

**Environmental Contact Person:** Carlos Huerta, CVWD Environmental Resources Analyst, Phone (760) 398-2651

Date: April 14, 2026



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Sylvia Bermudez  
Clerk of the Board

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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