

# Notice of Exemption

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 County of: Monterey  
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From: (Public Agency): San Lucas County Water District  
 PO Box 166  
San Lucas, California, 93954

(Address)

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Project Title: San Lucas County Water District Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project

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Project Applicant: San Lucas County Water District

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Project Location - Specific:

[Redacted] San Lucas, CA 93954

Project Location - City: Unincorporated

Project Location - County: Monterey

### Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Lucas County Water District (SLCWD) provides water service to approximately 316 people through 87 residential metered connections and seven commercial metered connections in San Lucas, an unincorporated community in Monterey County. SLCWD proposes to rehabilitate the existing water treatment facility to comply with iron and manganese secondary maximum contaminant levels until a permanent solution is feasible. The proposed project consists entirely of above-ground construction activities to include replacement of filter control panel solenoids, filter media, multiple appurtenances, fittings, pressure gauges, and some of the external piping to restore filtration and backwash capacity of the facility. The internal filter vessel coating would also be inspected, and if necessary, re-coated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Lucas County Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Lucas County Water District

### Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301, Existing Facilities Class 1
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reasons why project is exempt:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Article 19 Categorical Exemptions, Section 15301 consists of "the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structure, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing of former use" are exempt from CEQA. The Project includes the rehabilitation and minor alterations of an existing treatment facility that would improve water service. Therefore, the Project is exempt from CEQA.

### Lead Agency

Contact Person: Antonio Ramirez, System Secretary Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (831) 382-4410

### If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 3-19-2026 Title: President

Signed by Lead Agency      Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_