


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO: County Clerk of Riverside County 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507</p> <p>Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222 Sacramento, CA 95814 Attn: State Clearinghouse</p>	<p>FROM: High Valleys Water District 47781 Twin Pines Road Banning, CA 92220</p>
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Project Title:	Poppet Flats and Twin Pines Heli-Hydrant Project
Project Location:	APN 545-130-014s. See Attachment "A".
a) Project Location – Cities:	Banning
Project Location – Counties:	Riverside County
Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	On November 21, 2025, the High Valleys Water District ("District") approved the Extra-Territorial Water Supply Agreement ("Agreement") with the Silent Valley Club, Inc. ("Owner"). The Owner is the legal owner of certain real property (APN 545-130-014) and operates an RV resort and campground with hookups for water service. The Owner desired to obtain a potable water supply from the District as an alternative water supply on an emergency and/or permanent basis. The Agreement allows for the District to connect its 4-inch water lines to the Owner's line at a specified location to meet the Owner's need.
Name of Public Agency approving project:	High Valleys Water District
Name of Person or Agency carrying out project:	High Valleys Water District
Exempt status: (check one)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption.	State CEQA Guidelines, § 15301 [Existing Facilities]
<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
Reason why project was exempt:	The Project is categorically exempt from CEQA review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15301 (Class 1 Categorical Exemption). The Class 1 exemption allows for the minor alteration of existing facilities of publicly-owned utilities used to provide public utilities services with negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Here, the Agreement simply allows for the District and Owner to connect their respective 4-inch water lines at a location where the lines are closest. There will no expansion of existing use of these water lines. Finally, none of the "exceptions" to the categorical exemptions apply under State CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2.
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Date: April 20, 2026



 Curtis Houghton, General Manager

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Attachment "A"

