



Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of San Diego
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From: San Diego County Water Authority
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Project Title: Ramona Pipeline Improvements Phase 2 (Q0365)

Project Location - Specific: Along the Ramona Pipeline off Interstate 15 on Rancho Bernardo Road/Espola Road between Matinal Road and Lake Poway Road.

Project Location - City: San Diego and Poway

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project will address infrastructure concerns by allowing for easier access to valves during routine and emergency maintenance and updating existing infrastructure. Construction activities will include installing concrete vaults around existing buried isolation valves and updating existing valves and cathodic protection. This project will also include acquisition of an easement for existing infrastructure from the state. Asphalt, concrete, concrete curbs and gutters affected during construction will be replaced and returned to pre-construction conditions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego County Water Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Diego County Water Authority


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 Exemption: Class 1 Existing Facilities (Sec. 15301), Class 2 Replacement and Reconstruction (Sec. 15302), Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Sec. 15303), and Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land (Section 15304).
- Statutory Exemption:

Reasons why project is exempt: The work activities consist of installation/replacement of existing valves and structural improvements to existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion. Project activities will replace valves that will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose as the existing valves. Maintenance and replacement of existing facilities and construction of new small structures are specifically categorically exempted from CEQA per the Water Authority's Administrative Code implementing CEQA [§8.00.060(a)1(i and iv); §8.00.060(a)2(i); §8.00.060(a)3(i); §8.00.060(a)4(iv)].

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