



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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|--------------------------------------------|
| RECEIPT NUMBER:<br>37-04/30/2026-0373      |
| STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER(If applicable) |

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

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|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| LEAD AGENCY<br>SWEETWATER AUTHORITY        | LEAD AGENCY EMAIL               | DATE<br>04/30/2026 |
| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING<br>SAN DIEGO | DOCUMENT NUMBER<br>37-2026-0373 |                    |

PROJECT TITLE  
ROBERT A. PERDUE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CLEARWELL REPAIR PROJECT

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|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME<br>SWEETWATER AUTHORITY  | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL | PHONE NUMBER<br>619-409-6823 |
| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS<br>505 GARRETT AVENUE | CITY<br>CHULA VISTA     | STATE<br>CA                  |
|                                                 |                         | ZIP CODE<br>91910            |

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency     School District     Other Special District     State Agency     Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

|                                                                                                     |            |    |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)                                          | \$4,227.50 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)                                  | \$3,043.75 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,437.25 | \$ | 0.00 |

- Exempt from fee
- Notice of Exemption (attach)
- CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee(State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee                                        |          | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                                                             |          | \$ | 0.00  |

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

- Cash     Credit     Check     Other

TOTAL RECEIVED    \$    50.00

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| SIGNATURE<br>X | AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE<br>San Diego County Clerk, ELVA STOPKE, Deputy |
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Payment Reference #: VITALCHER: 219985323/060129



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK  
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

**FILED**  
Apr 30, 2026 08:16 AM  
JORDAN Z. MARKS  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK  
File # 2026-000404  
State Receipt # 37043020260373

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Project Title

ROBERT A. PERDUE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CLEARWELL REPAIR PROJECT

Check Document being Filed:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

Posted: 4/30/26

Filed by: ELVA STOPKE

Deputy County Clerk

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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| <p>TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Clearinghouse<br/>         P. O. Box 3044, Room 113<br/>         Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p> | <p>FROM: Name: <b>Sweetwater Authority</b><br/>         (Public Agency) Address: <b>505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista CA 91910</b><br/>         Telephone: <b>(619) 420-1413</b></p> |
| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors<br/>         or<br/>         County Clerk (Include County name)<br/>         Address:</p>                             |                                                                                                                                                                                    |

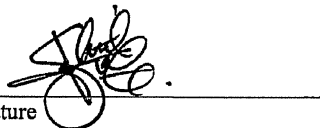
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| <p>1. Project Title:</p>                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Robert A. Perdue Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Repair Project</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>2. Project Applicant (include address, telephone number and email address):</p>                                                                                                             | <p>Sweetwater Authority<br/>         505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910<br/>         Attn: Israel Marquez<br/> <a href="mailto:imarquez@sweetwater.org">imarquez@sweetwater.org</a><br/>         (619) 409-6823</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):</p> | <p>Robert A. Perdue Water Treatment Plant<br/>         100 Lakeview Avenue, Spring Valley, CA 91977</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>4. (a) Project Location – City: <b>Unincorporated County</b></p>                                                                                                                            | <p>(b) Project Location – County: San Diego</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:</p>                                                                                                                        | <p>The Robert A. Perdue Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Repair Project will rehabilitate the plant's 10-million-gallon treated-water clearwell, a critical facility that provides storage and chlorine contact time for disinfection. Built in 1960, the clearwell requires targeted repairs to its roof system, roof supports, and internal baffle wall supports to maintain structural integrity, protect water quality, and ensure reliable operation.</p> <p>The project includes two phases: design and construction. Design work involves reviewing prior evaluations, developing a recommended repair strategy, preparing a Preliminary Design Report, and producing construction plans, specifications, and cost estimates. Construction will follow a phased approach to minimize operational downtime and will include roof panel replacement, structural repairs, baffle support rehabilitation, and installation of corrosion-resistant protective coatings.</p> |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>Strict sanitary practices—such as disinfection procedures, contamination control, and debris management—will be implemented throughout construction to safeguard water quality. Once completed, the project will restore the clearwell's reliability, extend its useful service life, and support continued delivery of safe drinking water to the communities served by the Perdue Water Treatment Plant.</p> <p>The project will benefit approximately 200,000 people in National City, western Chula Vista, and Bonita by ensuring continued delivery of safe, reliable treated drinking water through a restored and structurally sound clearwell.</p> |
| 6. Name of Public Agency approving project:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Sweetwater Authority<br/> 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910<br/> Attn: Israel Marquez<br/> <a href="mailto:imarquez@sweetwater.org">imarquez@sweetwater.org</a><br/> (619) 409-6823</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity: | <p>Sweetwater Authority<br/> 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910<br/> Attn: Kyehee Kim, P.E.<br/> <a href="mailto:kkim@sweetwater.org">kkim@sweetwater.org</a><br/> (619) 409-6751</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 8. Exempt status: (check one)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| (a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | (State CEQA Guidelines §§ 15050(c)(2)-(3), 15378)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| (e) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption.<br>State type and section number:                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Class 1 – Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines §15301), and Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines §15302)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption.<br>State Code section number:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | (State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) Common Sense exemption)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 9. Reason why project was exempt:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | The Perdue Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Repair Project qualifies for CEQA Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) categorical exemptions because all work consists of design work and repairing and replacing components within the existing clearwell structure with no expansion of capacity, no change in use, no ground disturbance, and no potential for significant environmental impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| 10. Lead Agency Contact Person:<br>Telephone:                                                                                                                                                  | Sweetwater Authority<br>505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910<br>Attn: Israel Marquez<br><u>imarquez@sweetwater.org</u><br>(619) 409-6823 |
| 11. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "B") before filing.                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                               |
| 12. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>If yes, the date of the public hearing was: |                                                                                                                                               |

Date:

Signature



Name: Xochitl Aranda, P.E.

Title: Director of Engineering and Operations

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

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

**CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION**

(If Notice of Exemption filed by Project Applicant, Project Applicant must Attach to Notice of Exemption)

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| 1. Name or description of project:                                                                                                                                                      | Robert A. Perdue Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Repair Project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                              |
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| 3. Entity or person undertaking project:                                                                                                                                                | A. Sweetwater Authority<br>505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910<br>Attn: Israel Marquez<br><a href="mailto:imarquez@sweetwater.org">imarquez@sweetwater.org</a><br>(619) 409-6823                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                         | B. Other (Private)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                         | (1) Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                         | (2) Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                              |
| 4. Staff Determination:                                                                                                                                                                 | The Lead Agency's Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Lead Agency's Local Guidelines for Implementing CEQA has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because: |                                                                                                                              |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                             | The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                              |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                             | The project is a Ministerial Project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                              |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                             | The project is an Emergency Project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                              |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                             | The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                              |
| e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                  | The project is categorically exempt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                         | Applicable Exemption Class:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Class 1 – Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines §15301), and Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines §15302) |
| f. <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                             | The project is statutorily exempt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                         | Applicable Exemption:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                              |
| g. <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                             | The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                              |
| h. <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                             | The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                         | Name of Lead Agency:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                              |

Date: April 23, 2026

Staff: Israel Marquez, Land and Environmental Manager





San Diego County



Transaction #: 9006007  
Receipt #: 2026166154

JORDAN Z. MARKS  
Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk  
1600 Pacific Highway Suite 260  
P. O. Box 121750, San Diego, CA 92112-1750  
Tel. (619) 237-0502 Fax (619) 557-4155  
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Cashier Date: 04/30/2026  
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 04/30/2026 8:17 am

Payment Summary

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Total Fees:     | \$50.00 |
| Total Payments: | \$50.00 |
| Balance:        | \$0.00  |
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|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Payment                                         |                                                      |
| VITALCHEK PAYMENT                               | \$50.00                                              |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                           | <b>\$50.00</b>                                       |
| Filing                                          |                                                      |
| CEQA - NOE                                      | FILE #: 2026-000404 Date: 04/30/2026 8:16AM Pages: 6 |
|                                                 | State Receipt # 37-04/30/2026-0373                   |
| Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee | \$50.00                                              |
| <b>Total Fees Due:</b>                          | <b>\$50.00</b>                                       |
| <b>Grand Total - All Documents:</b>             | <b>\$50.00</b>                                       |

04/30/2026

08:13 AM PDT

SAN DIEGO COUNTY VITAL RECORDS  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY  
ROOM 260  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

TERMINAL NAME: E6824105

**ORDER# 219985323**

**PAYMENT**

COUNTER PAYMENT \$50.00

AGENCY SUBTOTAL: \$50.00

- LEXISNEXIS SERVICE FEE: \$2.50

TOTAL USD: \$52.50

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CARD #: 3525 VISA  
PAYMENT: CREDITCHIP READ-CONTACTLESS  
MODE: ISSUER  
AUTH CODE: 060129  
APP LABEL: VISA CREDIT  
CVM:  
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AROC: 1203C550387BCE48  
AMOUNT: \$52.50  
\*\*\* CARD APPROVED \*\*\*  
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**AMOUNT PAID:**

**\$52.50**

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