

# Notice of Exemption

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From: San Bernardino County  
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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**Project Title:** Proposed Water and Sanitation Rate Adjustments

**Project Description:** The establishment/adjustment of water and sanitation utility rates, fees, and charges for San Bernardino County. The proposed rate adjustments are necessary to meet operating expenses, maintain existing utility infrastructure, fund necessary maintenance, and comply with state and federal water and wastewater mandates. The adjustments apply to all customers within the agency's service area to ensure the continued safe and reliable provision of water and sanitation services.

**Project Location:** San Bernardino County

## APPLICANT

San Bernardino County  
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## REPRESENTATIVE

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A  
Project Number: 1052001378

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Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(2); 15269(b)(c)];
- Categorical Exemption: [Section 15273 (a)(b), Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges]
- Statutory Exemptions.

Reasons why the Project is exempt:

The proposed rate adjustment is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15273. The rates are strictly established to meet operating expenses, purchase or lease necessary supplies, obtain funds for capital improvements necessary to maintain service, and maintain reasonable financial reserves. The project does not involve the expansion of any public utility use or capacity.

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Signature Noel Mondragon

Project Management Division Manager

Title

05/22/2026

Date

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

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