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F&G Notice of Exemption Fee		\$50.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$50.00</b>
Tender (On Account)		\$50.00
Account#	CEQARCWD	
Account Name	CEQARCWD - Rancho California Water District-CEQA Filings	
Balance	\$560.00	
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2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

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LEAD AGENCY RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL BUEROH@RANCHOWATER.COM	DATE 05/22/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING RIVERSIDE		DOCUMENT NUMBER E-202600441

PROJECT TITLE  
WILDFIRE MITIGATION SUPPORT (STORAGE) [PROJECT NO. D2606]

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL BUEROH@RANCHOWATER.COM	PHONE NUMBER (951) 296-6977
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 42135 WINCHESTER ROAD,	CITY TEMECULA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92590

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,227.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$3,043.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,437.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- County documentary handling fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash     Credit     Check     Other    TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

SIGNATURE <i>X Isabel Tejada</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Deputy Isabel Tejada
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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>TO:</b> Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation State Clearinghouse <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post Office Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	<b>FROM:</b> Name: Rancho California Water District (Public Agency) (Rancho Water/District) Address: 42135 Winchester Road Temecula, CA 92590 Telephone: (951) 296-6900
<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk (Include County name) Address: County of Riverside Post Office Box 751 Riverside, CA 92502-0751	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FILED / POSTED</b></p> County of Riverside Peter Aldana Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder E-202600441 05/22/2026 10:23 AM Fee: \$ 50.00 Page 1 of 5 Removed: _____ By: _____ Deputy



1. Project Title:	Wildfire Mitigation Support (Storage) [Project No. D2606]
2. Project Applicant (include address, telephone number, and email address):	Rancho California Water District 42135 Winchester Road, Temecula, CA 92590 (951) 296-6900 ruizd@ranchowater.com
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):	One Dip Tank is to be located at Via Vaquero and Via Barranca; the other Dip Tank will be located on Avocado Mesa Road, between Calle Roble and La Cuesta Road.
4. (a) Project Location – City: Unincorporated Riverside County, near Murrieta	(b) Project Location – County: Riverside
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	Provide aerial wildfire support in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County, within the communities of De Luz and La Cresta
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Rancho California Water District
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:	Rancho California Water District
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))

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(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. State type and section number:	Per 2026 Rancho California Water District Local CEQA Guidelines and the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, Class 3; and Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land, Class 4 apply.
(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. 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 project complies with a Categorical Exemption under 2026 Rancho California Water District Local CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, Class 3, for the new construction of two helicopter dip tanks that are under 2,500 square feet; Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land, Class 4 applies to clearing vegetation for fire prevention around the tanks.

10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Dan Ruiz, P.E. Assistant General Manager-Engineering and Operations (951) 296-6989
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"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was:	

Date: May 21, 2026

  
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Signature

Name: Dan Ruiz, P.E.

Title: Assistant General Manager-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.

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# Location Map - Via Vaquero & Avocado Mesa Reservoirs



# Via Vaquero Reservoir Dip Tank Site







## Legend

-  Dip Tank Location
-  25' Contour Lines
-  2' Contour Lines

# Avocado Mesa Reservoir Dip Tank Site



## Legend

-  Dip Tank Location
-  Existing Fence
-  25' Contour Lines
-  2' Contour Lines