

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Inland Empire Utilities Agency
(Project Applicant)
6075 Kimball Avenue
Chino, CA 91708

San Bernardino County
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Project Title: Manhole Gate Installation Project

Project Location - Specific: The wall/fences associated with the gate installation are located south of Inland Empire Boulevard and north of the San Bernardino Freeway in the City of Ontario at two locations 34°04'04.5"N 117°35'10.4"W and 34°04'04.5"N 117°35'15.3"W.

Project Location - City: Ontario

Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) proposes to install three (3) gates at two locations to provide access to existing IEUA sewer manholes. The gates would be installed within existing walls/fences at both locations. The purpose of the project is to install access gates in order to provide safe, reliable, and direct maintenance access to the IEUA manholes. Beneficiaries include IEUA and maintenance and operations personnel with the direct access to the manholes.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declaration Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3);15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4);15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301(a)
Statutory Exemption. State code number:

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Reasons why project is exempt: The State CEQA Guidelines provide a series of categorical exemptions for projects that have been deemed to have minimal impacts on the environment. The proposed project, which includes the installation of three gates at existing fences/walls to provide access to manholes, has been determined to have no potential to cause significant adverse effects on the environment and will ensure public safety and provide safe, reliable, and direct access. Categorical Exemption Class 1 exempts "the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, including but not limited to...a) interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances". The exceptions to the issuance of categorical exemptions have been evaluated for the proposed project locations to further substantiate the use of Categorical Exemption, Class 1 Existing Facilities (15301(a)) for this project. The proposed equipment upgrades have been determined not to have the potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects as a result of any construction or operational activities. Therefore, this proposed project is not forecast to cause any potential for significant adverse environmental impacts and qualifies for a Class 1 Exemption.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Leon Findlay

Telephone/Extension: (909) 993-1600

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: May 27, 2026 Title: Senior Engineer

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

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PROJECT TITLE: Manhole Gate Installation Project

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME: Inland Empire Utilities Agency
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CITY: Chino STATE: CA ZIP CODE: 91708

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)
[checked] Local Public Agency [ ] School District [ ] Other Special District [ ] State Agency [ ] Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:
[ ] Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,227.50 \$ 0.00
[ ] Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$3,043.75 \$ 0.00
[ ] Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,437.25 \$ 0.00
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