

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**  
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**Project Title:** Adoption of the 2025 Regional Urban Water Management Plan and 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan

**Project Location:** Within the Coachella Valley Water District's service area

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is required to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) every five years. The UWMPs for the 2025 reporting cycle are due to be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2026. This UWMP describes anticipated urban water demands and supplies for the next 25 years, as well as programs to promote efficient water use. It also describes the programs that are in place to encourage efficient water use.

CVWD's Board of Directors will consider adopting the 2025 Coachella Valley Regional Urban Water Management Plan (2025 RUWMP), and the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (2025 WSCP) at a public hearing. The public hearing will be held to provide an opportunity for the public to provide input to the 2025 RUWMP and 2025 WSCP before they are adopted. Notice of the public hearing was provided in accordance with applicable provisions of the California Water Code and Government Code, including publication for two successive weeks in a local newspaper within the CVWD service area.

In order to improve coordination, reduce duplicative efforts, and create a unified approach for water management throughout the region, the six water agencies in the Coachella Valley worked together to develop a Regional Urban Water Management Plan (RUWMP). Six agencies in the Coachella Valley worked together to develop the 2025 RUWMP. In addition to CVWD, these agencies included:

- Coachella Water Authority
- Desert Water Agency
- City of Indio
- Mission Springs Water District
- Myoma Dunes Mutual Water Company

**Lead Agency Approving Project and Contact:** Coachella Valley Water District; Tony Quiroz, Management Analyst / Phone: (760) 398-2651

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Exempt Status:

- Not a project:** State CEQA Guidelines §15378
- Review for Exemption/Common Sense Exemption:** State CEQA Guideline §15061(b)(3)
- Ministerial:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guideline §15268)
- Declared Emergency:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guideline §15269(a))
- Emergency Project:** 15269(b)
- Statutory Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines § 15277
- Categorically Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines: §
- Other Exemption:** Water Code Section 10652

Reasons why project is exempt:

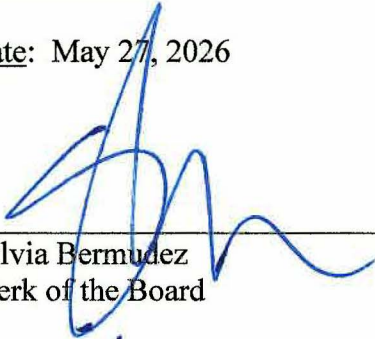
State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption) states an activity is covered by the common sense exemption where CEQA applies only to a project and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

The Board of Directors finds and determines that this resolution is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Water Code Section 10652 because CEQA does not apply to the preparation and adoption, including addenda thereto, of an urban water management plan or to the implementation of the actions taken pursuant to such plans. Because this resolution comprises CVWD's adoption of the 2025 RUWMP and the 2025 WSCP, no CEQA review is required. Preparation and adoption of the 2025 WSCP is required as part of the specified content of UWMPs (Water Code Section 10632).

Part 2.6. Urban Water Management Planning (Section 10652) states that the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) does not apply to the preparation and adoption of plans pursuant to this part or to the implementation of actions taken pursuant to Section 10632. Nothing in this part shall be interpreted as exempting from the California Environmental Quality Act any project that would significantly affect water supplies for fish and wildlife, or any project for implementation of the plan, other than projects implementing Section 10632, or any project for expanded or additional water supplies.

**Environmental Contact Person:** Carlos Huerta, CVWD Environmental Resources Analyst, Phone (760) 398-2651

Date: May 27, 2026

  
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Sylvia Bermudez  
Clerk of the Board

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

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