

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☐ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation State Clearinghouse P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: Padre Dam Municipal Water District PO Box 719003 Santee, CA 92072 619-448-3111
☐ County of San Diego Recorder/County Clerk's Office P.O. Box 121750 San Diego, CA 92112-1750	

1. Project Title:	Operations Yard and Employee Parking Lot PV Solar and Battery Project (JN 225005)
2. Project Applicant (include address, telephone number and email address):	Padre Dam Municipal Water District 9300 Fanita Parkway/PO Box 719003 Santee, CA 92071/92072 (619) 448-3111 Customer@padre.org / Water@padre.org
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):	9120 Carlton Oaks Drive, Santee, CA 92071 See attached map
4. (a) Project Location – City: Santee	(b) Project Location – County: San Diego
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	Design and installation of a photovoltaic solar panel array and battery system and Level 2 EV Charging Stations. The solar panels will be mounted to the roof of existing canopies and/or on new carport structures constructed in the existing employee parking lot. All work will occur within existing District property at active operations facilities and previously developed/disturbed areas. Construction and operation will comply with all applicable codes, regulations, and standards. The project will improve energy efficiency, stabilize long-term energy costs, and reduce environmental impacts associated with energy use.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Padre Dam Municipal Water District
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that	Padre Dam Municipal Water District

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:	
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) ☐ Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) ☐ Not a project.	(State CEQA Guidelines §§ 15050(c)(2)-(3), 15378)
(c) ☐ Declared Emergency	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(d) ☐ Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(e) ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Class 1, Section 15301 – Existing Facilities Class 3, Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures Class 11, Section 15311 – Accessory Structures
(f) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) ☐ Other. Explanation:	(State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) Common Sense exemption)
9. Reason why project was exempt:	Section 15301 Existing Facilities Class 1 consists of 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The Project will consist of the installation of rooftop PV panels, PV carports, EV charging stations and other minor alterations of existing structures and mechanical equipment, including ADA upgrades where required. All proposed Project components would involve minor alterations to existing property and will occur within the area occupied by existing facilities. The Project components will not present a new or expanded use of the property. Therefore, the Project constitutes minor alterations to an existing site that result in no expansion of use and meets the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made to the

	exterior of the structure. The installation of new PV canopies and carports, rooftop PV systems, EV charging stations and ADA upgrades constitutes the construction of new small structures. The solar arrays would be characterized as new, small facilities or accessory structures as defined by Section 15303 (e) "Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences." Therefore, the Project meets the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15303. Section 15311 - Accessory Structures Class 11 consists of construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including, but not limited to, on-premises signs and small parking lots. The Project will include installation of rooftop PV systems, PV canopy structures, carports and EV charging stations on existing structures and parking lots. The solar infrastructure will support energy conservation goals of the District. The Project will serve as supplementary facilities to enhance the functionality of the existing buildings and parking lots. Therefore, the Project fulfills the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15311. The Project has been examined in the context of these foregoing exemptions and has been found consistent with the criteria. The Project is not barred by any exceptions of Section 15300.2 because the Lead Agency/Applicant has determined that the Project: (1) is not located in a sensitive environment; (2) has no cumulative impact; (3) will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; (4) will not result in damage to scenic resources; (5) is not located on a hazardous waste site; and (6) will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.
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10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Lewis Clapp, P.E. 619-258-4640
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 ☐ No ☒ If yes, the date of the public hearing was:	

Date: 6/16/26



Signature

Name: Lewis Clapp

Title: Director of Engineering

X Signed by Lead Agency Date

☐ Signed by Applicant

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.

