

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Applicant: City of Poway, Public Works Department

Project Title: Clearwell Replacement Project (Project)

Project Location: 14467 Lake Poway Road, Poway, CA 92064

Project County: San Diego

Project Description: Project consists of the replacement of the existing floating cover, liner, overflow structure and appurtenances for the 10 MG clearwell at the Lester J. Berglund Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Additionally, a permanent underground bypass pipeline will be installed between the WTP and the Lake Poway Road Transmission Main. As part of this project, a temporary bypass system will be built to divert treated water during replacement of the 10 MG clearwell. Temporary facilities include two 1.4 MG above ground storage tanks located at the Lake Poway Recreation Area softball field, an above ground pump station at the WTP, and related above ground pipelines. The clearwell replacement will consist of two 4 MG prestressed concrete tanks. Following completion of the Project, the temporary facilities will be removed.

Public Agency Approving the Project: State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

This is to advise that the State Water Board has issued a domestic water supply permit amendment for the above-described Project on June 29, 2026. A record of approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water district office listed above.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction Cal. Code of Regs., section 15302

Class 11: Accessory Structures Cal. Code of Regs., section 15311(c)

Reason Why the Project Is Exempt: The Project is exempt as a Class 2 Categorical Exemption because the Project consists of the replacement of an existing water facility in the approximate location of the existing facility with no expansion of capacity. The Project is exempt as a Class 11 Categorical Exemption because the Project consists of the placement of temporary water utility facilities within an existing developed site to facilitate the permanent water utility replacement, and areas temporarily occupied will be returned to existing conditions upon completion of the permanent water utility replacement. None of the exceptions listed in section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the proposed Project.

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