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County of Imperial☐ File
IID - ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION SECTIONFrom: (Public Agency)
IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICTAddress: P.O. BOX 937
IMPERIAL, CA 92251Project Title: ECGS Unit 4 Westinghouse Turbine InspectionProject Location - Specific: 485 E. Villa AvenueProject Location - City: El CentroProject Location - County: Imperial**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The ECGS Unit 4 Westinghouse Turbine has been in commercial operation since 1968, providing approximately 70 MW of capacity, energy, and ancillary services to the IID Balancing Authority. Unit 4 has accumulated approximately 93,725 hours of operation since its last overhaul.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Imperial Irrigation DistrictName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Imperial Irrigation District**Exempt Status: (check one)**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 1526(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Section 15301
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

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California**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities) because it consists of the routine maintenance, inspection, and minor repair of existing public utility structures and mechanical equipment (the Unit 4 turbine-generator). All activities will occur entirely within the established facility footprint of the El Centro Generating Station.

Lead AgencyContact Person: Jeremy Brooks**Area Code/Telephone**Extension: (760) 339-9632**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Wayne K. Strumpfer Digitally signed by Wayne K. Strumpfer
Date: 2026.07.06 13:10:20 -07'00' Date: 07/06/2026Title: General Counsel☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant ☐ IID Board Approved

Date received for filing at OPR: _____



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DATE: June 17, 2026

SUBJECT: CEQA Exemption Finding for ECGS Unit 4 Westinghouse Turbine Major Inspection Project

Project Overview

- **Project Title:** ECGS Unit 4 Westinghouse Turbine Major Inspection (El Centro Generating Station Unit 4 Steam Turbine and Generator Major Overhaul)
- **Location:** 485 E. Villa Avenue, El Centro CA 92243
- **County:** Imperial County
- **Lead Agency:** Imperial Irrigation District

Project Description

The Imperial Irrigation District is undertaking a project to perform a major inspection and overhaul of the existing ECGS Unit 4 Westinghouse Turbine and generator, which has been in commercial operation since 1968 and provides approximately 70 MW of capacity to the IID Balancing Authority. The scope of work consists of an internal inspection of both the rotating and stationary portions of the turbine and generator. This includes inspecting the turbine rotor, blades, seals, stationary blade rings, and sealing surfaces, as well as the bearings, throttle and governing valves, and the turbine governor. Additionally, the generator rotor and stator windings will be inspected and undergo electrical testing. All parts found to be out of tolerance will be repaired or replaced to return the turbine and generator back to design conditions, ensuring safe and reliable operations.

Environmental Determination

The IID Environmental Compliance Unit has formally reviewed the proposed scope of work and determined that the project is exempt from further environmental analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project qualifies for the following Categorical Exemptions:

- **Class 1, Section 15301:** Existing Facilities
- **Class 2, Section 15302:** Replacement or Reconstruction

Justification for Exemption

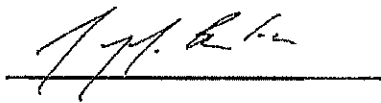
This determination is based on the following findings:

- The project consists of routine maintenance, inspection, and minor repair of existing public utility structures and mechanical equipment (the Unit 4 turbine-generator).
- All activities will occur entirely within the established facility footprint of the El Centro Generating Station.
- The project results in no physical expansion of the existing utility facility.
- The work is intended to maintain reliable operations and return the existing equipment back to its baseline design conditions without altering its historically approved use.
- No Special permitting or conditions are required for this project.

Certification

I hereby certify that the Imperial Irrigation District has reviewed the ECGS Unit 4 Westinghouse Turbine Major Inspection project and independently found it to be categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15302 of the State CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder and the Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse) to comply with CEQA.

Certified By:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Brooks', is written over a horizontal line.

Jeremy Brooks

Environmental Compliance Unit

Imperial Irrigation District

LOCATION MAP

