

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Riverside

From: (Public Agency): Western Municipal Water District
14205 Meridian Parkway
Riverside, CA 92518

(Address)

Project Title: PFAS Treatment at Arlington Desalter Plant

Project Applicant: Western Municipal Water District

Project Location - Specific:

The WMWD Arlington desalter facility is located just behind the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) building at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California 92503. Latitude: 33°53'46.90" N and Longitude: 117°28'56.44" W

Project Location - City: Riverside

Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Western Municipal Water District is proposing to install treatment facilities for the removal of Per-and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) at the existing Arlington Desalter Plant. Four granular activated carbon (GAC) vessels and associated piping would be removed, to be replaced by two ion exchange (IX) vessels and associated piping in the same location. Some existing concrete pads and pavement would be replaced. The project area is fully developed. Treated water from this facility is provided to the Cities of Norco and Corona for service to their customers.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Western Municipal Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Western Municipal Water District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 3, Section 15303(d), construction of small facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 3 Categorical Exemption applies to the additional treatment facilities for PFAS which would be co-located with existing water treatment facilities. None of the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to these additions.

Lead Agency

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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: Ellie Yazdani Date: 07/09/26 Title: Engineer II-CIP

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____