NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation State Clearinghouse P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: (Public Agency)	Name: Address:	Santa Fe Irrigation District PO Box 409 Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067
☒	County Clerk County of San Diego PO Box 12170 San Diego, CA 92112			

1. Project Title:	Adoption of Resolution No. 26-11, Application to LAFCO for Annexation of Highland Court Properties
2. Project Applicant:	Santa Fe Irrigation District (SFID) PO Box 409 Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067 Telephone: 858-227-5792
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):	15808, 15818, 15828, 15830, 15834, and 15838 Highland Court, Solana Beach, CA 92075.
4. (a) Project Location – City: San Diego	(b) Project Location – County: San Diego
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	SFID requests the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) initiate proceedings for an amendment to SFID's sphere of influence and annexation of six residential properties located at 15808, 15818, 15828, 15830, 15834, and 15838 Highland Court, Solana Beach CA 92705 to the Santa Fe Irrigation District. SFID currently provides water service to the six residential properties and annexation will not result in new or additional connections. Any future or additional connections will require SFID approval.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Santa Fe Irrigation District
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that 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:	Santa Fe Irrigation District
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 section 15378(b)(5) — Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment
(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:	State CEQA Guidelines section 15320 — Changes in Organization of Local Agencies (Class 20)
(f) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) ☒ Other. Explanation:	State CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a) — No potential for causing any significant effect on the environment
9. Reason why project was exempt:	The Santa Fe Irrigation District already provides water service to six residential lots located at 15808, 15818, 15828, 15830, 15834, and 15838 Highland Court, Solana Beach CA. This application will allow the SFID to formally annex this already served area and amend its sphere of influence. Under State CEQA Guidelines sections 15378(b)(5), the District's submission of the Application to LAFCO does not constitute a "project" subject to environmental review under CEQA. The submission of the Application is merely an organizational /administrative activity of the SFID and LAFCO with no impact on the environment. Even if the proposed annexation is considered a "project" under CEQA, it is exempt from environmental review under the Class 20 exemption for changes in the organization or reorganization of local agencies. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15320.) Under section 15320, changes in the organization of a local governmental agency are exempt if the changes do not modify the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised. This exemption applies because the annexation constitutes a "change of organization" under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 and does not change the geographical area within which the power to provide the services will be exercised. There is no evidence that the proposed annexation involves any unusual circumstances that might cause a significant effect on the environment. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15300.2(c).) This project is also exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Albert Lau 858-227-5792

11. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "A") before filing.

12. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving this project? N/A

13. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes ☒ No ☐
If yes, the date of the public hearing was: June 18, 2026

Signature

Date: 7/24/26

Albert Lau, P.E.
Name

Title: General Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

(Clerk Stamp Here)

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