

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222 Sacramento, CA 95814 Attn: State Clearinghouse County Clerk County of Riverside 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507	FROM: Western Municipal Water District 14205 Meridian Parkway Riverside, CA 92518
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1. Project Title:	Establishment of Water and Sewer Availability Charges for the Murrieta Service Area for Fiscal Year 2026–2027
2. Project Location:	Western Municipal Water District Service Area
3. (a) Project Location – City: Murrieta	(b) Project Location – County: Riverside
4. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	Establishment of water and sewer availability charges on land within the Murrieta Service Area for Fiscal Year 2026–2027, and authorization to collect the charges on the Riverside County tax roll. The charges will support operating and capital costs necessary to maintain existing water and sewer service within the Murrieta Service Area.
5. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Western Municipal Water District
6. Name of Person or Agency carrying out project:	Western Municipal Water District
7. Exempt status:	Statutory Exemption (Pub. Resources Code, § 21080(b)(8); CEQA Guidelines, § 15273)
8. Reason why project was exempt:	On July 1, 2026, the Board of Directors of the Western Municipal Water District adopted Resolution No. 3391. The Resolution establishes water and sewer availability charges needed to fund the continued operation, maintenance, and capital improvements of existing facilities within the Murrieta Service Area. The Board found that the charges are imposed for the purpose of meeting operating expenses and obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within the District’s existing service areas and do not fund capital projects for the expansion of the water or sewer system. Based on these findings, the Board determined that adoption of the charges established by Resolution No. 3391 is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(8) and CEQA Guidelines section 15273.
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