

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Riverside

2724 Gateway Drive

Riverside, CA 92507

From: (Public Agency): San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
380 E. Vanderbilt Way
San Bernardino, CA 92408

(Address)

Project Title: San Bernardino Valley Turf Replacement Program

Project Applicant: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Various cities in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, and unincorporated areas.

Project Location - City: Various Project Location - County: San Bernardino, Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project establishes a program for commercial, institutional, or multi-family residential property-owners within San Bernardino Valley's service area to replace existing grass landscaping with drought tolerant landscape. Property owners would apply to SBVMWD to participate in the program. Successful applicants would have existing high water use turf grass removed and replaced with efficient landscape irrigation and drought tolerant landscape plant materials.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Bernardino Valley 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 4, Section 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt under Class 4 because it consists of minor alterations of land to replace existing conventional landscaping with water efficient landscaping. The project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is not within an environmentally sensitive area. The project is consistent with applicable General Plan land use designations and Zoning regulations. The project sites will not change in size, and will not require new utility or public service connections.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kelly Malloy Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 909-387-9229

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:  Date: 8/17/2026 Title: CEO/ General Manager

▪ 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: _____