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IID - ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION SECTION

From: (Public Agency)
IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Address: P.O. BOX 937
IMPERIAL, CA 92251

Project Title: El Centro Generating Station (ECGS) Fire Pump Replacement

Project Location - Specific: 485 E Villa Ave, El Centro CA 92243

Project Location – City: El Centro **Project Location – County:** Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Replace the existing fire pump system at the El Centro Generating Station, including associated pumps, controllers, and auxiliary equipment that have reached the end of their useful service life. The purpose is to improve system reliability, maintain applicable fire protection standards, and ensure continued protection of critical facility assets.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Imperial Irrigation District

Name 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 2, Section 15302
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because it consists of replacement of an existing fire pump system at the same public utility facility with substantially the same purpose and capacity. All work will occur within the established facility footprint, involves no physical expansion, and results in no change to the existing use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jeremy Brooks **Area Code/Telephone Extension:** (760) 339-9632

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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: [signature] **Date:** 08/13/2026

Title: General Counsel

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant ☐ IID Board Approved _____

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DATE: August 13, 2026

SUBJECT: CEQA Exemption Finding for the El Centro Generating Station (ECGS) Fire Pump Replacement Project

Project Overview

- **Project Title:** ECGS Fire Pump Replacement
- **Location:** 485 E Villa Ave, El Centro CA 92243
- **County:** Imperial County
- **Lead Agency:** Imperial Irrigation District (IID)

Project Description

The Imperial Irrigation District is undertaking a project to replace the existing fire pump system at the El Centro Generating Station, which has reached the end of its useful service life. The project consists of replacing the existing fire pump skid assembly, including the jockey pump, electric and diesel fire pumps, associated controllers, and auxiliary equipment. Work will include removal and reinstallation of the existing fire pump house enclosure, connection of the new system to the existing underground fire protection loop, and any necessary upgrades to supporting electrical infrastructure. A temporary mobile fire pump skid will maintain fire protection during construction. The project will replace aging equipment, improve system reliability, maintain compliance with applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, and provide continued fire protection for critical facility assets.

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 2, Section 15302:** Replacement or Reconstruction

Justification for Exemption

This determination is based on the following findings:

- The project consists of replacement of the existing fire pump system and associated equipment at the El Centro Generating Station.
- The replacement system will be installed at the same existing facility and will serve substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing fire protection system.
- The project involves no physical expansion of the facility.
- There will be no change to the historically approved use of the site.
- No special permitting or conditions are required for this project.
- No environmental impacts are anticipated as a result of project implementation.

Certification

I hereby certify that the Imperial Irrigation District has reviewed the El Centro Generating Station Fire Pump Replacement project and independently found it to be categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 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.

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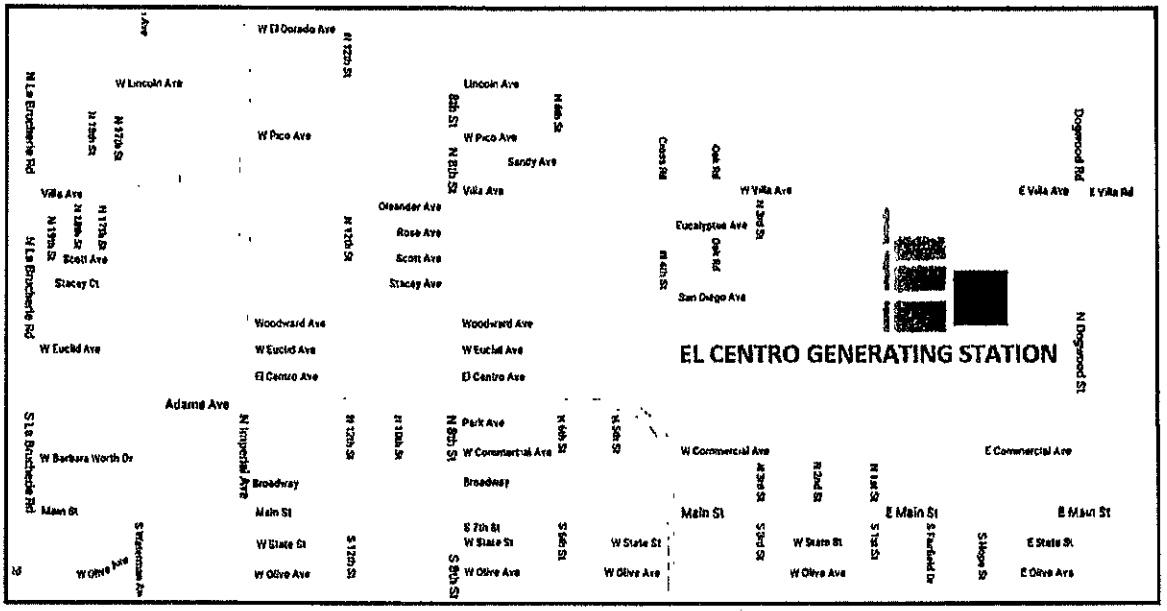
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