

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Orange

601 N. Ross Street

Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: (Public Agency): South Coast Water District
31592 West Street
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

(Address)

Project Title: Reservoir 5A1 Rehabilitation Project

Project Applicant: South Coast Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Northwestern portion of the City of Dana Point, west of Sea Canyon Park, north of Monarch Beach Park, and south and east of single-family residential neighborhoods. Access is via Saint Kitts Rd in the gated Monarch Beach community.

Project Location - City: Dana Point Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project includes various modifications and improvements to rehabilitate Reservoir 5A-1. Project activities would include recoating the tank, completion of interior and exterior piping modifications on the tank, and minor site work around the tank.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: South Coast Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: South Coast 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: Section 15301(b) and (d) Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed construction would constitute a minor alteration of existing facilities with no expansion beyond the existing condition. The proposed project would be consistent with the existing use of the project site. The proposed project would be supported by existing infrastructure and utility systems at the project site. No new or expanded infrastructure or utility systems are required. A support memorandum is attached.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dylan LaFrance, PE, JD Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 949-499-4555

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: Dylan LaFrance Date: 9/14/26 Title: Senior Engineer

■ 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: _____