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LEAD AGENCY

VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

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DATE

09/17/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

VENTURA

DOCUMENT NUMBER

2026100010102

PROJECT TITLE

CASITAS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY CONSOLIDATION PROJECT - DESIGN

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

ALMA QUEZADA

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

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PHONE NUMBER

(805) 646-3403

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

409 OLD BALDWIN RD

CITY

OJAI

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

93023

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency

☐ School District

☒ Other Special District

☐ State Agency

☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$4,227.50

\$

☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)

\$3,043.75

\$

☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW

\$1,437.25

\$

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)

\$850.00

\$

☒ County documentary handling fee

\$

\$50.00

☐ Other

\$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash

☒ Credit

☐ Check

☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED

\$

\$50.00

SIGNATURE

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

VENTURA COUNTY CLERK, RAYLENE QUELL, DEPUTY

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MICHELLE ASCENCION  
Ventura County Clerk and Recorder

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

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# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: VENTURA

800 S VICTORIA AVE

VENTURA, CA 93009

**From:** (Public Agency): VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT  
409 OLD BALDWIN RD  
OJAI, CA 93023

(Address)

Project Title: CASITAS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY CONSOLIDATION PROJECT - DESIGN

Project Applicant: VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT

### Project Location - Specific:

CASITAS SPRINGS WITHIN PARKVIEW DRIVE, SYCAMORE DRIVE, EDISON DRIVE, RANCH ROAD, NYE ROAD, BROCK LANE, AND CALTRANS RIGHT-OF-WAY ON HIGHWAY 33 (VENTURA AVENUE) BOUNDED BY HIGHWAY 33 POSTMILE 6.144 TO THE SOUTH AND HIGHWAY 33 POSTMILE 7.227 TO THE NORTH.

Project Location - City: UNINCORPORATED

Project Location - County: VENTURA

### Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Perform planning study, including preparation of design documents for water system improvements for the consolidation of Casitas Mutual Water Company into Ventura River Water District's service area. This includes information collection activities such as utility potholing, geotechnical investigative borings, and field surveying within the Ventura County and Caltrans right-of-way to support the engineering design.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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: 15306 - Information collection
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15262 - Feasibility and Planning Studies

### Reasons why project is exempt:

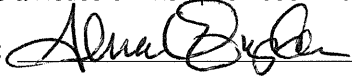
California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15262 classifies feasibility and planning studies as statutorily exempt, while Section 15306 classifies basic data collection and resource evaluation activities as categorically exempt when they are undertaken for information gathering purposes and do not result in major disturbances to environmental resources. The proposed investigative data collection studies are being conducted solely to inform the design of water system improvements. These activities are for information purposes only and are not anticipated to result in any major disturbances to environmental resources.

### Lead Agency

Contact Person: ALMA QUEZADA, GENERAL MANAGER Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805-646-3403

### 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: 9/17/26 Title: 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: \_\_\_\_\_