

Notice of Exemption

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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: Groundwater Recovery Facility Brine Line Improvement Project

Project Applicant: South Coast Water District

Project Location - Specific:

South Coast Water District Groundwater Recovery Facility located at 33750 Paseo Costa Sur in Dana Point.

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project includes the installation of a bypass for the reverse osmosis brine line at the South Coast Water District's Groundwater Recovery Facility in Dana Point.

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 15302(c) Class 2
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project includes the installation of a reverse osmosis (RO) concentrate bypass pipeline for the RO brine line at the existing Groundwater Recovery Facility. All excavation and land disturbance activities would occur within land that has been previously disturbed to construct the existing facility and associated utility lines and roadway. The proposed project would have the same purpose and function typically characterized by the District's existing utility infrastructure. A support memorandum is attached.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Bryan Kallenbaugh, PE Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 949-342-2151

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: Bryan Kallenbaugh Date: 9/22/2026 Title: Senior Civil 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: _____