

Notice of Exemption

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San Bernardino County Clerk of the Board
385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: City of San Bernardino
Municipal Water Department
399 Chandler Place
San Bernardino, CA 92408

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Receipt No: 36-09242026-691

Project Title: Employee-Only Orange Show Entrance Project

Project Location - Specific:

The proposed project is located in the City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California. Approximately 135 meters East of the intersection of West Orange Show Road and South Arrowhead Avenue along the south side of the sidewalk

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (SBMWD) owns and operates the Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) located at 399 Chandler Place, San Bernardino. The proposed project consists of the construction of an employee-only entrance that will serve as an alternative to the existing Chandler Place entrance to the WRP. Construction and improvements to be conducted inside the facility include an on-site driveway that connects to an existing roadway in the plant, site grading to ensure all rainwater is captured within the Plant, signage to signify the roadway is an employee-only entrance, the removal of 4-10 ornamental trees, the addition of a double-swing gate and accompanying intercom, chain link fencing, and the expansion of the facility's security infrastructure consisting of the perimeter intrusion detection system, cameras, and lighting. Construction outside the facility boundaries includes a driveway sufficiently wide to allow vehicles that accidentally enter to turn around, frontage improvements, ADA ramps, a landscaped island in the driveway that extends into facility property, and the relocation of a light pole and fire hydrant.

This project provides an opportunity to reduce traffic congestion, improve accessibility, and enhance the overall safety and efficiency of traffic circulation for SBMWD staff and for those in the broader community who access and travel along Chandler Place.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (SBMWD)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (SBMWD)

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: Sec. 15301(b), Sec. 15303 (e), Sec. 15311 (a)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project meets the criteria of Categorical Exemption Section 15301(b) - "Existing Facilities". The Project includes the minor alteration of an existing facility and will not result in the expansion of the facility, aligned with the Class 1 exemption. Additionally, the Project meets the criteria of Categorical Exemption Section 15303(e) - "New Construction Or Conversion Of Small Structures." The Project includes the creation of a fence, which is an accessory structure under Class 3. Lastly, the Project meets the criteria of Categorical Exemption Section 15311(a) - "Accessory Structures." The Project includes the addition of three on-premise signs to represent the entrance as employees only, which is exempted under Class 11.

The goal of the secondary employee-only entrance is to reduce traffic volume at the existing E. Street entrance. The project will require the removal of anywhere between 4-10 ornamental trees, which will either be removed outside of bird nesting season or surveyed by a qualified biologist beforehand. No unusual circumstances are forecast that may cause a significant effect to the environment. The proposed project has been determined not to have the potential to cause significant adverse environmental

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Miguel J. Guerrero, P.E. Telephone: (909) 384-5091

Signature: [Signature] Date: 09/23/26 Title: General Manager

Reasons why project is exempt extended:

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