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By _____

Deputy clerk

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Project Title

WATER METER BOX RELOCATION PROJECT - PHASE III

Check Document being Filed:

- [ ] Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- [ ] Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- [x] Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- [ ] Other (Please fill in type):

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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: Orange
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

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

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BY: KD DEPUTY

Project Title: Water Meter Box Relocation Project - Phase III

Project Applicant: South Coast Water District

Project Location – Specific:

City street right-of-way (West Street, Fairview Road, 3rd Avenue, Seacliff Drive, 9th Avenue, Crestwood Place, Virginia Way, and 10th Avenue) and at existing water meter locations along the frontages of 32 residential properties in South Laguna Beach. Refer to Attachment 1 for a list of specific Project locations.

Project Location – City: Laguna Beach Project Location – County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The South Coast Water District proposes to relocate existing water meter boxes and service connections at 32 residential properties from private property to the adjacent public street right-of-way to improve District access for meter reading and maintenance. Work would include abandoning existing service laterals and meter boxes, installing new copper service laterals by trenching, and reconnecting customer-side plumbing. All disturbed surfaces would be restored in kind. The Project would not add new connections or increase system capacity.

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: Class 1 (Sec. 15301); Class 2 (Sec. 15302); and Class 4 (Sec. 15304)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) because it involves minor alterations of existing District water service facilities with no expansion of use; Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) because it would replace existing water service lines and meter boxes with facilities of the same purpose and capacity; and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) because it involves minor trenching and backfilling, and all disturbed surfaces would be restored. None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Dylan LaFrance Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 949.395.4764

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: 10/15/26 Title: SENIOR ENGINEER

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 2103 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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ATTACHMENT 1

Project Location – Specific

Area 1 – West Street

- 31496, 31502, 31532, & 31538 West Street

Area 2 – Fairview Road & 3rd Avenue

- 31662 Fairview Road
- 31681 3rd Avenue

Area 3 – Seacliff Drive

- 31711, 31713, 31715, 31719, & 31836 Seacliff Drive

Area 4 – 9th Avenue, Crestwood Place, Virginia Way, Coast Highway, & 10th Avenue

- 31887, 31890, 31891, 31892, 31893, 31895, 31897, 31899, 31900, & 31907 9th Avenue
- 31898, 31907, & 31911 Crestwood Place
- 31989, 31991, & 31992 Virginia Way
- 23003 & 32006 Coast Highway
- 31961, 31963, & 31966 10th Avenue

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
30-10/16/2026-0860

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
SOUTH COAST WATER DISTRICT		10/16/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
ORANGE COUNTY		202685001177

PROJECT TITLE

WATER METER BOX RELOCATION PROJECT - PHASE III

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
SOUTH COAST WATER DISTRICT			(949) 395-4764
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
31592 WEST STREET	LAGUNA BEACH	CA	92651

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** $ 0.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
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