

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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SCH#: 2019100073

WATER SYSTEM #: 1910240

PROJECT TITLE: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – Valencia Division: N-Wellfield PFAS IX Treatment Facility and Baseball Field Disinfection Facility Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: 23503 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita CA 91355

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The **Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – Valencia Division (hereinafter Valencia Division)** proposed Project includes the N-Wellfield PFAS IX Treatment Facility and the Baseball Field Disinfection Facility at the location described above. The Valencia Division will utilize ion exchange treatment to remove per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from the raw water of Wells N, N-7, and N-8 at the N-Wellfield PFAS IX Treatment Facility. Wells N, N-7, and N-8 have a combined capacity of 6,250 gpm. The effluent from the IX vessels will then receive chloramination treatment at the Baseball Field Disinfection Facility. The N-Wellfield PFAS IX Treatment Facility includes three disposable cartridge filters, three treatment trains (six ion exchange vessels total, with two vessels operated in lead and lag configuration for each treatment train), face piping, and piping module with support skid. The treatment system can treat up to 6,250 gpm. The Baseball Field Disinfection Facility includes a sodium hypochlorite generation and chemical feed system, and a liquid ammonium sulfate storage and feed system. Both treatment facilities are equipped the associated electrical equipment, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, and water quality measuring equipment.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has issued a drinking water supply permit **1910240PA-002** for the above described Project on **December 8, 2020**. A record of permit issuance for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water District Office noted above.

Categorical Exemption Status:

- Class 1 Existing Facilities
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301)
- Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15302)
- Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15303)
- Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15304)
- Class 6 Information Collection
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15306)

Reason why Project is exempt: The Valencia Division as the lead agency pursuant to CEQA has determined that the Project qualify for an exemption under Class 1 Existing Facilities, because the treatment facility is minor alteration of an existing public facility and the proposed new mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use, i.e. no additional delivery of water beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. This Project also qualifies for an exemption under Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures because the project construction is

limited to construction within the existing footprint of the fenced facility. None of the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the proposed actions.

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Date: December 10, 2020 _____

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