

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**SCH#:****WATER SYSTEM #: 3610055****PROJECT TITLE: Yucaipa Valley Water District - Reservoir R-16.6 Replacement Project (Project)****PROJECT LOCATION: 37610 Leta Drive, Calimesa, Riverside County**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The **Yucaipa Valley Water District (YVWD)** proposed Project will consist of removal of the existing 210,000-gallon drinking water reservoir (bolted steel) and installing a new tank within the same location and footprint. The existing tank has a diameter of 38 ft, with height of 24 feet. The replacement tank will have a capacity of 300,000 gallons and negligible expansion of dimensions measuring 47 feet in diameter and 32 feet tall. The center point of the new tank will align with the existing tank, increasing the overall diameter of nine feet. The existing tank is approximately 40 years old and beyond repair, requiring replacement. The asset provides drinking water and fire protection to a residential community.

**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 **05-13-20PA-009** for the above described Project on **July 6, 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)

**Statutory Exemption Status:**

- Feasibility and Planning Studies  
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15262)
- Emergency Project  
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15269)
- Right of way pipelines of less than one mile  
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15282 (k))

**Reason why Project is exempt:** The reservoir replacement is exempt from CEQA because the project is a replacement of an existing facility. The replacement facility will only have a negligible increase in capacity relative to the existing footprint. The slight increase will serve the existing population. The project will not require any major site grading and the construction will only take place on the previously graded pad.

**LEAD AGENCY: Yucaipa Valley Water District**  
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