

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (Public Agency)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Riverside County Clerk County Clerk's Office  P.O. Box 751 Riverside, CA 92502-0751  2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507	Address 31315 Chaney Street Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

1. Project Title:	Cottonwood Hills Pump Station Generator
2. Project Applicant:	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site:	The project would occur within the existing Cottonwood Hills Pump Station at 21980 Railroad Canyon Road in Lake Elsinore. The pump station access road entrance is approximately 1.5 driving miles east of the Railroad Canyon Road/Interstate 15 interchange.
4. (a) Project Location – City: Lake Elsinore	(b) Project Location – County: Riverside
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	The Cottonwood Hills Pump Station currently operates three pumps that are powered by electrical service to the pump station site. Backup (emergency) power is provided by portable generators that do not currently produce enough power to operate more than one pump at a time. The project includes installation of a new 400 KW permanently mounted standby emergency generator with new 1,000 gallon above ground fuel tank and all required electrical and instrumentation equipment to supply enough power for two pumps to operate at a time. The new generator would run approximately one hour per week to ensure that it remains ready as an emergency backup but would otherwise only operate when electrical service to the pump station is disrupted. The project would benefit the EVMWD customers served by the pump station.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District 31315 Chaney Street Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))

(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	<b>State CEQA Guidelines</b> <b>§15301, Class 1 Exemption, Existing Facilities</b> <b>§15302, Class 2 Exemption, Replacement or Reconstruction</b>
(e)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(f)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Explanation:	
9.	Reason why project was exempt:		The project consists of the replacement of components of an existing utility (pump station generator and associated facilities) in a similar location and without increasing capacity. Project construction would occur within the existing pump station site. With the planned noise-control equipment on the generator and the existing cinderblock wall surrounding the pump station site, noise levels would be less than 40 decibels at the nearest noise-sensitive land uses, including the open air amphitheater at the Lamb's Fellowship church (approximately 3,100 feet to the west), houses on Canyon Ridge Drive (approximately 3,750 feet to the west), and houses on Cedarhill Lane (approximately 3,600 feet to the southeast). A review of the project did not identify any unique circumstances that would result in the project resulting in a significant effect on the environment.
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person:		Jason Dafforn, Director of Engineering & Water Resources
	Telephone:		(951) 674-3146
11.	If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.		
12.	Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
13.	Was a public hearing held by the lead agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: _____		

Signature:  Date: 12/28/20 Title: Director of Engineering & Water Resources  
Jason Dafforn

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

**PRELIMINARY EXEMPTION ASSESSMENT**

(Certificate of Determination  
When Attached to Notice of Exemption)

1. Name or description of project:	Cottonwood Hills Pump Station Generator	
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3. Entity or person undertaking project:	A. <b>Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District</b>	
	B. Other (Private)	
	(1) Name	
	(2) Address	
4. Staff Determination:	<p>The Lead Agency’s staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the Lead Agency’s "Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)," has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because the proposed project consists of minor alterations to an existing facility and the replacement of existing public utility infrastructure. The pump station currently operates three pumps that are powered by electrical service to the pump station site. Backup (emergency) power is provided by portable generators that do not currently produce enough power to operate two pumps at a time. The project includes installation of a new 400 KW permanently mounted standby emergency generator with new 1,000 gallon above ground fuel tank and all required electrical and instrumentation equipment to supply enough power for two pumps to operate at a time. The new generator would run approximately one hour per week to ensure that it remains ready as an emergency backup but would otherwise only operate when electrical service to the pump station is disrupted.</p> <p>With the planned noise-control equipment on the generator and the existing cinderblock wall surrounding the pump station site, noise levels would be less than 40 decibels at the nearest noise-sensitive land uses, including the open air amphitheater at the Lamb’s Fellowship church (approximately 3,100 feet to the west), houses on Canyon Ridge Drive (approximately 3,750 feet to the west), and houses on Cedarhill Lane (approximately 3,600 feet to the southeast). A review of the project did not identify any unique circumstances that would result in the project resulting in a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, the project is categorically exempt from requiring detailed analysis under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, and 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction.</p>	
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.	
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is a Ministerial Project.	
c. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is an Emergency Project.	
d. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.	
e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project is categorically exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption Class:	<b>State CEQA Guidelines</b> <b>§15301, Class 1 Exemption, Existing Facilities</b> <b>§15302, Class 2 Exemption, Replacement or Reconstruction</b>
f. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is statutorily exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption:	

g.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis:	
h.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.	
		Name of Lead Agency:	

Date: 10/29/20

Staff:   
 Jason Dafforn, Director of Engineering & Water Resources

# EVMWD CIP # C2007 COTTONWOOD PS GENERATOR INSTALLATION

