

# Notice of Exemption

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** (Public Agency): Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District  
1955 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, California 90601

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County of: Los Angeles County Clerk Business Filing and Registration  
12400 East Imperial Highway, Room 1101  
Norwalk, California 90650

Project Title: Geotechnical Investigation for Soledad Canyon Relief Trunk Sewer Section4 Proposed Future Proj.

Project Applicant: Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District

Project Location – Specific:

27000 Hidaway Avenue (approximate location), Lat. 34.411874°N, Long.-118.468604°W

Project Location – City: Santa Clarita Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project activities involve maneuvering a geotechnical drilling rig from the Santa Clara River trail (which runs along the northern edge of the Santa Clara River) down an existing ramp into the riverbed. Soil samples will be collected via geotechnical boring (sonic drilling) to a depth of approximately 40 feet at three locations in the Santa Clara River (Exhibits 1 and 2). Boring activities would occur for up to two days per test hole location, for a total duration of six days. Collection of soil samples is necessary to inform the design and construction methods of a future project that will consist of the installation of a 27-inch subterranean sewer line that will cross under the Santa Clara River. Upon completion of geotechnical boring activities, holes will be filled with cement bentonite grout. All soils cuttings that are extracted during geotechnical boring will be placed in 55-gallon drums and removed from the site. A biological monitor would be present during all drilling activities and would identify access routes and drilling locations to avoid potentially sensitive habitat areas.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation 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 6, Information Collection (Section 15306), Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land (Section 15304)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project has been determined to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(9); Administrative Code, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Sections 15304 and 15306). SCVSD proposes to drill three exploratory drills to collect soil samples over six days in the Santa Clara River. A biological monitor would be present during all drilling activities and would identify a route to the drilling locations to avoid potentially sensitive habitat areas. The Project would not involve any expansion or other alteration in the Santa Clara River.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jodie Lanza Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 562-908-4288, ext. 2707

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: Jodie Lanza Date: 01/21/2021 Title: Supervising Engineer

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 2103 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.