

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From (Public Agency):  
Rainbow Municipal Water District  
3707 Old Highway 395  
Fallbrook, CA 92028

County Clerk  
County of: San Diego

(Address)

**Project Title:** Dentro de Lomas Pressure Reducing Station

**Project Applicant:** Rainbow Municipal Water District

**Project Location – Specific:** Terminus of Dentro de Lomas, approximately 275 feet north of intersection with Felicia Way.

**Project Location – City:** Bonsall (unincorporated) **Project Location – County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The project includes the construction of an above-ground pressure-reducing station (PRS) and connection to existing water lines. The PRS is needed to reduce water pressure that services the Dentro De Lomas community as high pressure and aging pipelines have resulted in several pipe breakages and leaks. The total disturbance area is approximately 12 feet by 10 feet (120 square feet).

**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 3, Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project would be small in size (120 square feet) and would support water utilities. The District would conduct a bird nesting survey prior to construction to ensure no nesting birds are present. If nests are observed, active nests will be flagged, and construction activities would avoid active nests until nesting behavior has ceased or birds have fledged. The project would avoid construction within 300 feet of any active California gnatcatcher nest during the breeding season (March 15 to June 30).

**Lead Agency:** Rainbow Municipal Water District

**Contact Person:** Malik Tamimi **Area Code/Telephone Extension:** 760-728-1178 ex. 173

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption filing.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: Chad Williams Date: 3/10/2021 Title: Eng. & CIP Program Mgr

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

**Signature:** *Chad A Williams*

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