

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County Clerk
 County of: San Bernardino
 172 W. Third Street
 San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: (Public Agency): Thunderbird County Water District
24737 Standing Rock Road / P.O. Box 1105
Apple Valley, CA 92307

(Address)

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Project Title: Thunderbird CWD Planning for Water Production Facility (Well 5)

Project Applicant: Thunderbird County Water District

Project Location - Specific:
 APN 0436-19-237, and along Clark Drive between Oden Road and Chiantos Road, and along Chiantos Road
 between Clark Drive and Via Vista Road.

Project Location - City: Apple Valley (unincorp.) Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See attached Exhibit A dated March 2021

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Thunderbird County Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Thunderbird County Water 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: 15301(b) Exist. Fac. & 15306 Info. Collec.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

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 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
 CALIFORNIA
 CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Reasons why project is exempt:

See attached Exhibit A dated March 2021

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Christine Bispo, Gen. Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-247-2503

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: Christine L Bispo Date: 3-8-21 Title: Gen Operations/Business Manager

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: _____

Exhibit A
Notice of Exemption
Thunderbird County Water District
March 2021

This Exhibit A is prepared in conjunction with the Notice of Exemption for the “Thunderbird CWD Planning for Water Production Facility (Well 5)”.

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of the investigation and minor repairs to existing facilities (wells) at APN 0436-19-237; land surveying and geotechnical investigation at APN 0436-19-237 and along Clark Road between Oden Drive and Chiantos Road, and along Chiantos Road between Clark Drive and Via Vista Road; development and evaluation of alternatives to address water quality deficiencies for a public drinking water system; and other administrative efforts in advance of construction (financial review, legal services, and development of environmental documentation).

The purpose of the project is to collect data; to develop engineering designs; and to complete other administrative tasks in preparation of a construction project that aims to result in improved drinking water quality.

The beneficiaries of the project are the residents and customers of the Thunderbird County Water District.

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 (b) - Existing Facilities – Maintenance of Existing Wells: Existing well motors, pumps, valves, and other systems will be removed and replaced to allow access to the interior of the wells; existing wells will be redeveloped to remove scaling and other blockages; pump testing to determine the production capacities and well responses.

Section 15306 - Information Collection - The existing wells’ interiors will be examined to determine the depths to groundwater, flow profiles, well configuration, temperature logs, and extent of blockages; to obtain and test water quality samples at depths. The geotechnical investigation will determine near-surface soils characteristics to depths to approximately 8 feet below ground surface. The excavations will take place within or adjacent to established transportation corridors and will be refilled immediately following sampling of exposed soils. The land surveying efforts will obtain topographic and property mapping data along and adjacent to public rights of way and established transportation corridors without ground disturbance.

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