

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
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Project Title: Well 4529-1

Project Location: 67905 Calle Amigos in Cathedral City, within Riverside County.

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) will construct a new domestic water well, Well No. 4529-1, on a developed CVWD parcel. The site is improved with rough grading, a driveway, concrete blow-off drain, and is secured by fencing. The site is surrounded by residential and commercial land uses, vacant land, and a golf course placed within the stormwater channel.

Well No. 4529-1 would be connected to CVWD's existing domestic water distribution system providing water service, fire protection and maintaining adequate water pressure to the surrounding residents and businesses within the Date Palm Pressure Zone. CVWD will drill, test, case, and develop a 2,000-gallon-per-minute (GPM) domestic water well. Ground-disturbing activities include drilling of a 1,300-foot below ground surface well. The initial 900 feet of the pilot bore would be a 26-inch final well diameter, and the remaining 400 feet of pilot bore (near the surface) would be a 32-inch final well diameter. The project includes the installation of 50 feet of conductor casing, a 300-horsepower motor, 2,000-GPM pump and other aboveground and underground appurtenances complete and in place at the site location in order to tie the well and the pumping plant into CVWD's existing domestic water distribution system.

Construction will occur over the duration of approximately 14-months. All staging will occur on CVWD's fenced parcel. The project site is not located within or adjacent to a conservation area associated with the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. The project will not require payment to the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission's Local Mitigation Development Fee program, as the parcel is previously developed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CVWD; Glenn Lubbe, Engineer

Exempt Status:

- Not a project: State CEQA Guidelines §15378
- Review for Exemption "Common Sense" Exemption: State CEQA Guideline §15061(b)(3)
- Ministerial (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(1)) State CEQA Guideline §15262
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guideline §15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guideline §15269(b)(c))
- Statutory Exempt: State CEQA Guidelines § _____

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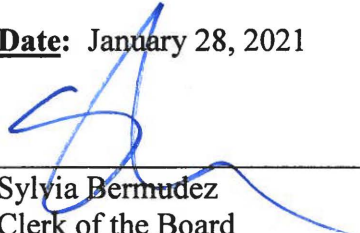
Categorically Exempt: State CEQA Guidelines §15303 _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This action is exempt from further environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, State CEQA Guidelines §15303 (New Construction). This class 3 exemption allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The project consists of construction of a replacement well on an existing, improved CVWD parcel.

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