

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**  
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Project Title: Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation 2021 Projects

Project Location: Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) will rehabilitate 38 existing deteriorating sewer manholes within the cities of Rancho Mirage and Palm Desert, located in the County of Riverside. Twenty-two (22) of the manholes are located within the jurisdiction of homeowner's associations (HOAs). Manhole No. 44 is located within a CVWD easement in the Morningside Golf Course HOA, City of Rancho Mirage. Manhole Nos. 94, 93, 92, 91, 78 and 77 are located in the La Terraza HOA in the City of Rancho Mirage. An additional 14 manholes are located within the Portola Country Club located in Portola Avenue, City of Palm Desert (Manhole Nos. 31, 46, 54, 57, 67, 70, 74, 73, 72, 80, 64, 88, 96, and 98). CVWD has an easement agreement for repair and operations of facilities within the HOAs. The remaining manholes are located in the public right-of-way.

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

CVWD will rehabilitate 38 existing deteriorating sewer manholes within the cities of Rancho Mirage and Palm Desert, located in the County of Riverside. The purpose of the project is to rehabilitate and improve reliability of sanitation service.

Surrounding land uses consist of residential, commercial, recreational, and roadways. The project is not located within or adjacent to a conservation area associated with the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. The entire project is located within developed urban areas and consists of pre-disturbed soils.

Name of Lead Agency Approving Project: CVWD; Nasrin Maleki PE, Senior 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 §15268)
- 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 §
- Categorically Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines §15301, 15302

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Reasons why project is exempt:

State CEQA Guidelines §15301 (Existing Facilities) allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project includes the rehabilitation of 38 existing sewer manholes, which does not pose the possibility of a significant effect on the environment. The replacement manholes would be located on the same site and have substantially the same use as the existing manholes.

State CEQA Guidelines §15032 (Replacement or Reconstruction) allows for projects consisting of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The replacement manholes would be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing manholes.

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

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