

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk County of Riverside 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507</p>	<p>FROM: Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (Lead Agency) (EVMWD) 31315 Chaney Street Lake Elsinore, CA 92530</p>
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1.	Project Title:	EVMWD Building Improvements (Project)
2.	Project Applicant:	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (District)
3.	Project Location:	31315 Chaney Street Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 (See Exhibit A)
4.	(a) Project Location – City:	City of Lake Elsinore
	(b) Project Location – County:	Riverside
5.	Description of the Project:	<p>The proposed Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) Building Improvements Project (Project) site is located at the northeast corner of Chaney Street and Treleven Avenue in the City of Lake Elsinore. Specifically, the Project site includes EVMWD’s Administration, and two Operations buildings located at 31315 Chaney Street in Lake Elsinore, in the County of Riverside as shown in Figure 1.</p> <p>The EVMWD Administration and Operations Facility which was built in 1989 is comprised of three buildings; the Administration Building which is the main building visible from Chaney Street and two Operations Buildings (north and south) that are behind the main Administration Building. The Project includes improvements to the Administration and Operations Facility’s surrounding hardscape and landscaping areas to allow for drainage from the Administration and Operations Facility’s roof to be directed away from the buildings during rain events. Work will include new drainage piping and catch basin improvements, landscaping improvements, civil/grading improvements including concrete and pervious pavers in the walkways. The architectural improvements on the Administration and Operations Facility’s roof are meant to minimize ponding and improve drainage to be directed off the roof.</p> <p>Work will be limited to the perimeter of the landscaping areas surrounding the buildings within the Project site.</p>
6.	Name of Public Agency approving project:	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
7.	Name of Agency undertaking the project:	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
8.	Exempt status: (check one)	
	(a) <input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial project.
	(b) <input type="checkbox"/>	Not a project.

(c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Project.	
(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Class 1 – Existing Facilities (§15301(a) and (d))
(e)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency.	
(f)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Explanation:	
9.	Reason why project was exempt:		<p>The whole of the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the Class 1 exemption set forth in State CEQA Guidelines section 15301. The Class 1 exemption applies to 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.” Notably, Section 15301 provides that the exemption applies to “exterior alterations involving such things as...plumbing.” (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15301, subdivision (a).) The exemption also applies to “restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structure...to meet current standards of public health and safety.” (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15301, subdivision (d).) Here, as discussed above, the Project includes new roof, drainage piping and catch basin, landscaping, grading improvements including concrete and pervious pavers in the walkways. These alteration and rehabilitation activities involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Project is thus categorically exempt from CEQA.</p> <p>None of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions apply here. The Project will not have any cumulative impacts; there is no reasonable possibility that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; the Project does not affect any scenic highways or historical resources, and it is not located on a hazardous waste site.</p>
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person:		Jase Warner, Director of Operations
	Telephone:		(951) 674-3146

Signature:  Date: 6-16-21 Title: Director of Operations
Jase Warner, Director of Operations

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

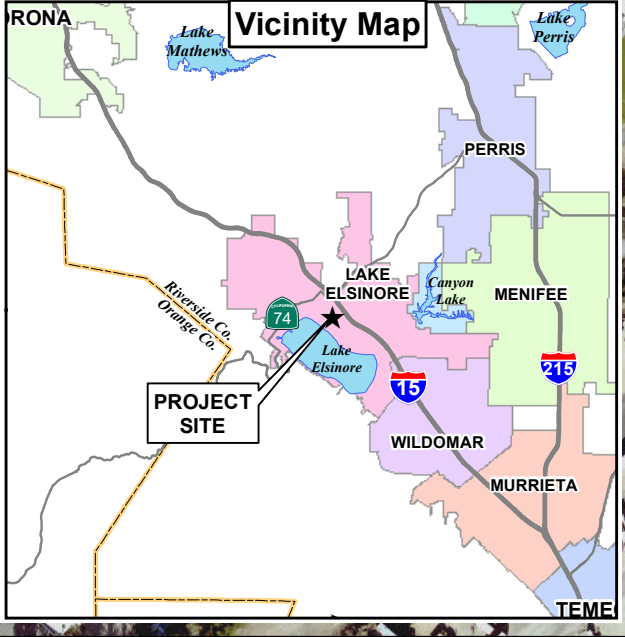
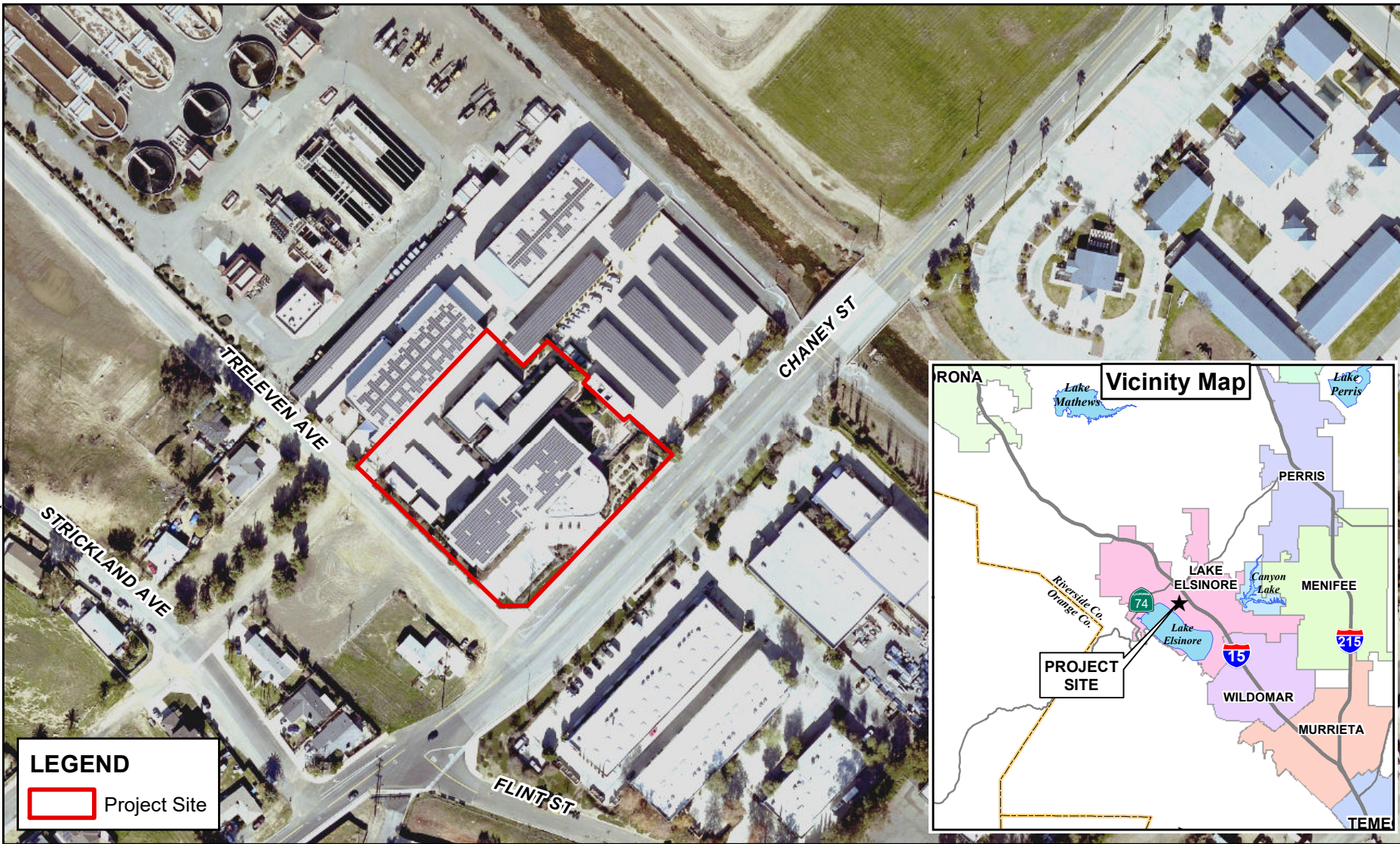
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Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21084, Public Resources Code; *North County Advocates v. City of Carlsbad* (2015) 241 Cal.App.4th 94; *Communities for a Better Environment v. South Coast Air Quality Management Dist.* (2010) 48 Cal.4th 310; *Bloom v. McGurk* (1994) 26 Cal.App.4th 1307.

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Sources: Riverside Co. GIS, 2021;
Riverside Co. TLMA, 2019.

Exhibit A EVMWD Building Improvements

