

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
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Project Title: Adoption of Domestic Water Rates and Charges for Fiscal Years 2022 to 2026

Project Location: Within Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD) service area

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: On June 8, 2021, CVWD adopted domestic water rate increases, as well as, changes in the rate structure, as proposed in Proposition 218. Notices to all affected customers of the domestic water fund were mailed on April 23, 2021 in compliance with the 45-day notice period. The basis for the rate increase follows industry-accepted cost-of service principles and complies with all requirements as stipulated by California law. The adopted rates do not exceed the proportional cost of service to each customer class, and have been developed through a collaborative effort with CVWD's Board of Directors to balance operating capital needs with customer affordability. More information about the rates is available at www.cvwd.org/ratechanges. Customers can use the 2022 New Bill Calculator available on that page and use a previous CVWD bill to enter water use information to see what the new bill would be.

Name of Lead Agency Approving Project: CVWD; Phone: (760) 398-2651

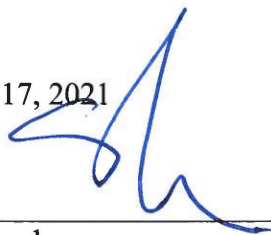
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption Status:

- Not a project:** State CEQA Guidelines § _____
- 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 §15273
- Categorically Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines § _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The action qualifies for a Statutory Exemption per the State CEQA Guidelines and is not subject to further environmental review. Per the State CEQA Guidelines section 15273, CEQA does not apply to the establishment and modification of rates, tolls, fares, and charges by a public agency which the public agency finds are for the purpose of (1) meeting operation expenses, including employee wage rates and benefits; 2) Purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment of materials; 3) Meeting financial reserve requirements; 4) Obtaining Funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas, or; 5) Obtaining funds necessary to maintain such intra-city transfers as are authorized by City charter.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (Continued)

Date: June 17, 2021



Sylvia Bermudez
Clerk of the Board
Coachella Valley Water District

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

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