

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
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Project Title: Adoption of the 2020 Regional Urban Water Management Plan, Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and Appendix L to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: CVWD is required to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) every five years. The UWMPs for the 2020 reporting cycle are due to be submitted to the State of California's Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2021. This UWMP describes the anticipated urban demands and water supplies for the next 25 years. It also describes the programs that are in place to encourage efficient water use.

On June 22, 2021, at a public hearing, CVWD's Board of Directors adopted the 2020 Regional Urban Water Management Plan (RUWMP); Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP); and Appendix L as an addendum to the 2015 UWMP and supporting resolutions. The public hearing was held to provide an opportunity for the public to provide input to the 2020 RUWMP and WSCP before it is adopted. Notice of the public hearing was provided to the cities and counties within which CVWD provides urban water supplies and in a local newspaper for two successive weeks, in accordance with the State Water Code and Government Code.

Six agencies in the Coachella Valley worked together to develop the 2020 RUWMP. In addition to CVWD, these agencies included:

- Coachella Water Authority
- Desert Water Agency
- Indio Water Authority
- Mission Springs Water District
- Myoma Dunes Mutual Water Company

Lead Agency Approving Project and Contact: Coachella Valley Water District; Elizabeth Meyerhoff, Environmental Specialist, 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 §

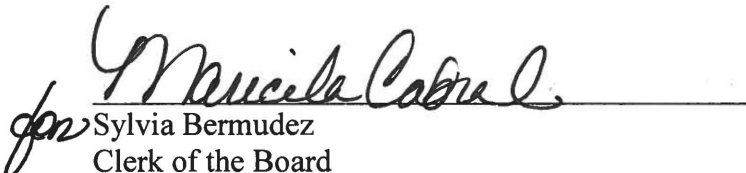
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- Categorically Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines §
 Other Exemption: Water Code Section 10652

Reasons why project is exempt: The Board of Directors finds and determines that this resolution is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Water Code Section 10652 because CEQA does not apply to the preparation and adoption, including addenda thereto, of an urban water management plan or to the implementation of the actions taken pursuant to such plans. Because this resolution comprises CVWD's adoption of the 2020 RUWMP and WSCP, no CEQA review is required. Preparation and adoption of the WSCP is required as part of the specified content of UWMPs (Water Code Section 10632).

Part 2.6. Urban Water Management Planning [10610 - 10657] (Part 2.6 Added By Stats.1983, Ch. 1009, Sec. 1.) Chapter 4. Miscellaneous Provisions [10650 - 10657] (Chapter 4 added by Stats. 1983, Ch. 1009, Sec. 1.) Section 10652: states the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) does not apply to the preparation and adoption of plans pursuant to this part or to the implementation of actions taken pursuant to Section 10632. Nothing in this part shall be interpreted as exempting from the California Environmental Quality Act any project that would significantly affect water supplies for fish and wildlife, or any project for implementation of the plan, other than projects implementing Section 10632, or any project for expanded or additional water supplies.

Date: June 22, 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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