

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Los Angeles County
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

To: County Clerk and Recorder
Ventura County
800 S. Victoria Ave, Location #1260
Ventura, CA 93009

Project Title: Earl Schmitt Filtration Plant Standby Generator Project

Location – Specific: 32700 North Lake Hughes Road, Castaic, CA 91310

Location -- Counties: Los Angeles County

Description of Activity:

The proposed Earl Schmitt Filtration Plant (ESFP) Generator project consists of the addition of a new dual fuel 400 kW back power generator that will run either on natural gas or propane. The new Generator will power ESFP's Ozone building in case of a power failure or shutdown. The project will consist of the addition of a new backup power generator, concrete equipment pad, installation of a new natural gas line and the addition of electrical conduits to connect to ESFP's Ozone building.

Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Lead Agency).

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** See CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
- Statutory Exemption.

Reasons why activity is exempt:

Based on the preliminary project design and anticipated final design, and because the project construction is a minor alteration of existing facilities limited to construction within the Agency's existing property, construction and operation of this project is found to be categorically exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines as described below:

- The Project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15301 Class 1 Existing Facilities because it is a minor alteration of an existing public facility and it concerns proposed new mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use, i.e., no additional extraction of water, beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

- None of the exemptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the action.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rick Vasilopoulos **Telephone:** (661) 705-7912

Signature: *Rick Vasilopoulos* **Title:** WR Planner **Date:** 6/24/2021

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing by County Clerk:
