

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: Market Place Pipeline Rehabilitation

Location – Specific: 25888 The Old Road, Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381

Location -- Counties: Los Angeles County

Description of Activity:

An existing 14-inch diameter Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipe in the Market Place Shopping Plaza parking lot has experienced three pipe breaks in addition to some minor leaks over the years. The pipeline was constructed in 1996. SCV Water plans to rehabilitate or replace approximately 4,400 feet of this pipeline in an effort to reduce the possibility and occurrence of leaks and repairs, decrease the risk of property damage and improve reliability. The new pipeline is proposed to be a 16-inch Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP).

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 15302.
- Statutory Exemption.

Reasons why activity is exempt:

Based on the preliminary project design and anticipated final design, and because the project construction is a replacement and reconstruction of an existing utility distribution line where the surface will be restored to the condition existing prior to the undergrounding, 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 15302 Class 2 - Replacement or Reconstruction because it consists of the replacement of existing utility systems where the new structures will be located on the same site as the structures replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced and involves 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:
