

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: San Bernardino County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 385 North Arrowhead Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415 DATE FILED & POSTED Posted On 3-22-23 From: Inland Empire Utilities Agency 6075 Kimball Avenue Chino, CA 91708 Removed On: 5-4-23 Receipt No: 311-13222023-254

Project Title: Chino Basin Program (CBP) Exploratory Borings and Monitoring Wells Project

Project Location: The proposed project consists of three exploratory boreholes located in the City of Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino County, California. These exploratory boreholes will be installed: (1) CBP-EB-1 at the intersection of Milliken Avenue and Foothill Boulevard; (2) CBP-MW-1 at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Day Creek Channel; and (3) CBP-MW-2 at the intersection of Arrow Route and Day Creek Channel.

Project Location - City: City of Rancho Cucamonga

Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to install three exploratory boreholes to obtain information regarding the Chino Basin groundwater aquifer at these locations. Boreholes 2 and 3 are proposed to be converted to long-term monitoring wells.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268)
Declared Emergency (Sections 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
Emergency Project (Sections 21080(b)(4); 15269)
Categorical Exemption (Section 15306)

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Reasons why project is exempt: The State CEQA Guidelines provide a series of categorical exemptions for projects that have been deemed to have minimal impacts on the environment. The proposed project consists of installing three exploratory boreholes to obtain information on the Chino Groundwater Basin at these locations. This proposed project has been determined to have no potential to cause significant adverse effects on the environment and will ensure that groundwater management activities in the Chino Basin can support the CBP without causing significant adverse impact. Categorical Exemption Class 6 exempts basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance o an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The exceptions to the issuance of categorical exemptions have been evaluated for the proposed project. The proposed project has been determined not to have a potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects as a result of any of the exceptions. Therefore, this proposed action is not forecast to cause any potential for significant adverse environmental impacts and qualifies with the requirements for a Class 6 Exemption.

Lead Agency
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