

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**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: RVWTP Diesel Fuel UST Replacement Project**

**Location – Specific:** The Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant is located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road in Santa Clarita, California.

**Location -- Counties:** Los Angeles County

### **Description of Activity:**

The proposed action today is authorization to replace the existing diesel fuel underground storage tank with the above ground storage tank and replace the day tank with a new tank at the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant (RVWTP). The storage tank and day tank are part of the diesel fuel storage system for the standby generator at the RVWTP. The whole of the action also includes the design and operation of the project. The term “Project” in CEQA refers to the whole of the action and to the underlying activity being approved, not to each governmental approval. (CEQA Guideline §15378(a), (c)-(d)). This definition ensures that the action reviewed under CEQA is not the approval itself but the development or other activities that will result from the approval. Therefore, the Project is subject to CEQA.

The Project will consist of the removal of two existing diesel fuel storage tanks, one 8,000-gallon tank and the other a 100-gallon tank, their replacement with identically sized tanks, and replacement of the piping between the tanks and the generator. During the Project construction a temporary 8,000-gallon above ground storage fuel tank will be installed to provide uninterrupted fuel supply to the standby generator. The new ConVault 8000-gallon diesel storage tank manufactured by Oldcastle Precast is comprised of double wall construction for 110% containment and rust resistance. The tank also has an integrated secondary containment comprised of a high performance, 30 MIL high density polyethylene membrane around the primary tank with an engineered concrete outer vault encasing both primary and secondary containment in 6-inches of steel reinforced concrete with an epoxy coating for corrosion and vehicle impact protection. The storage fuel tank will have the liquid monitoring system and the leak detection system installed. The 8000-gallon tank will provide fuel storage for the RVWTP standby generator and will be installed on a 20-inch-thick concrete pad with 6-inch concrete berm. The tank will be seismically braced and anchored.

The new Simplex 100-gallon day tank will replace the existing 100-gallon Pryco Inc. day tank inside the engine generator room, in accordance with all applicable Fire Code and National Fire Protection Agency 30 requirements. No changes will be made to the existing emergency generator's current operation procedures.

**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 Sections 15301 and 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 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.
- The Project, aka the whole of the action, also qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15302 Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction because the Project consists of the replacement of an existing facility where the new facility will be located on the same site as the facilities replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the facilities replaced.
- 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:**  **Title:** Water Resources Planner **Date:** 10/7/2021

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing by County Clerk:

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