

## 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: Newhall Tanks 1 and 1A Restoration Project**

**Location – Specific:** 21575 Deputy Jake Drive, Newhall, CA 91321

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

**Description of Activity:**

SCV Water currently owns and operates the 3/4 million-gallon (MG) Newhall Tank 1 and the 3 MG Newhall Tank 1A, both located in Santa Clarita, California. The two welded steel tanks were constructed in 1962 and 1995, respectively. This project proposes the installation and construction of a new stairway and catwalk between the two tanks. Moreover, the project scope also includes the application of epoxy coating to the new stairway and catwalk, handrails, and safety cage, as well as the exterior of each tank where the existing coating was damaged by the welding process.

**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 exterior alterations to an existing structure 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:**  **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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