

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

From: (Public Agency): Water Replenishment District  
of Southern California

4040 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, CA 90712

(Address)

Project Title: Approval of Updated Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (See Attachment A hereto).

Project Applicant: Water Replenishment District of Southern California

Project Location - Specific:

See Attachment A hereto.

Project Location - City: See Attachment A hereto. Project Location - County: See Attachment A hereto.

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See Attachment A hereto.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Water Replenishment District of Southern California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Water Replenishment District of Southern California

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:


See Attachment A hereto.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Stephen Tucker, General Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (562) 275-4260

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 12/2/21 Title: General Manager

▪ Signed by Lead Agency      Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Project Title**

*Five-Year Capital Improvement Projects Program for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 through  
Fiscal Year 2025/2026*

### **Project Location and Description of Project**

The 2021/2022 through 2025/2026 Five-Year Capital Improvement Projects Program (“CIP”) is a five-year planning document that summarizes potential capital projects and equipment purchases. The CIP is an update to WRD’s previous five-year plan that provides information to the public regarding the upcoming capital priorities and allows for multi-year financial planning to support these priorities. The CIP is organized into five general categories: (1) Water Independence Now (“WIN”) Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (“GRIP”); (2) Regional Water Independence Program (WIN 4 ALL); (3) basin management projects; (4) groundwater quality protection and remediation; and (5) facilities management, maintenance, and rehabilitation. These programs will take place at various locations throughout the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (“WRD”). Those locations include, but are not limited to, the cities of Pico Rivera, Torrance, Long Beach, and Montebello in Los Angeles County.

### **Reasons Why Project is Exempt**

The proposed action to adopt the CIP is exempt under CEQA as provided in CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3). The proposed action does not authorize potential uses as “projects” as defined under CEQA, including, but not limited to, the WIN initiative, the WIN 4 ALL initiative, the basin management projects, the groundwater quality protection and remediation, and the facilities management, maintenance, and rehabilitation under the CIP. Given the range of potential varying uses over the next five years, the proposed action to adopt the CIP will not result in a reasonably foreseeable significant effect on the environment. If a specific action under the CIP would result in a reasonably foreseeable physical change to the environment, environmental review under CEQA in accordance with applicable law would be conducted at that time.