

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO: Office of Planning and Research
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Merced County
2222 M St.
Merced, CA 95340

FROM: (Public Agency)
2022 FEB 18 AM 9:10
Santa Nella County Water District
12931 State Highway 33
Santa Nella, CA 95322
BY: 
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION UNDER CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

PROJECT TITLE: Residential Water Meter Improvement Project

PROJECT LOCATION: Santa Nella, CA 95322 – Merced County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of the replacement of the existing water meters and water meter lids on residential services with Sensus water meters and Smart Point readers for remote recording of water usage. The project consists of the installation of 192 new Sensus meters, 335 new Smart Point readers, and 335 new meter lids on existing service laterals and meter boxes. The purpose of the project is to improve system operation and maintenance and promote water conservation by implementing a consumption-based billing structure.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Santa Nella County Water District

EXEMPT STATUS: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 5269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption: CCR, Title 14, Article 19, 15302 Class 2 & 15303 Class 3
- Statutory Exemption CCR, Title 14, Article 18, Section 15262

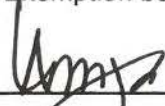
REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The installation of Sensus water meters, Smart Point readers, and water meter lids on the residential services will be located in the same location as the existing water meters and will have the same purpose and capacity. Furthermore, the installation of water meters is considered new construction or conversion of a small structure. CCR, Title 14, Article 19, Section 15302 Class 2 and 15303 Class 3 provides for Categorical Exemption. Construction will occur on previously developed and disturbed property either owned by the District, on public property, or with private owner authorization.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Amy Montgomery

AREA CODE/TELEPHONE/EXTENSION: (209) 826-0920

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: 2/17/22 Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

- Attachment:
Figure 1 – Site Plan




COPY



**SANTA NELLA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
RESIDENTIAL WATER METER
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**FIGURE 1
SITE PLAN**

Legend

-  Assessor Parcel
-  Install Sensus Meter, Smart Point Reader, and Meter Lid
-  Install Smart Point Reader and Meter Lid



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2022 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/22) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 24-2022-021
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SANTA NELLA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 02/18/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING MERCED COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-2022-021	

PROJECT TITLE
RESIDENTIAL WATER METER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SANTA NELLA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (209) 826-0920
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 12931 STATE HWY 33	CITY SANTA NELLA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95322

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,539.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,548.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,203.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>


- Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$	<u>50.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	<u>0.00</u>

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Lea Z. H. Holguin Deputy Clerk
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