

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**FILED**

TO:  Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA95812-3044  
  
 County Clerk/Recorder  
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

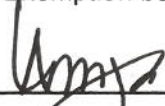
**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The installation of Sensus water meters, Smart Point readers, and water meter lids on the residential services will be located in the same location as the existing water meters and will have the same purpose and capacity. Furthermore, the installation of water meters 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**



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: <b>24-2022-021</b>
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

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

PROJECT TITLE  
**RESIDENTIAL WATER METER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

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

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 <b>X</b> 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE <b>Lea Z. H. Holguin Deputy Clerk</b>
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