

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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: Approve a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to Hazen & Sawyer for Planning Services for the Master Plan Project

Location -- Specific: 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Location -- Counties: Los Angeles County

Description of Activity:

SCV Water is planning to evaluate its potable and raw water systems to determine potential capital improvement projects to provide system reliability and capacity for existing and future needs. This will be SCV Water's first Master Plan that would evaluate the overall water system as one water system.

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
- Statutory Exemption. CEQA Guidelines Section 15262
- Other: Explanation: CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common sense exemption

Reasons why activity is exempt:

The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, Statutory Exemptions for Feasibility and Planning Studies, as the planning services will analyze and make recommendations regarding potential infrastructure improvements.

The project is also exempt from environmental review under the CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "common sense exemption," which provides that CEQA applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Here, the Agency finds the project exempt from CEQA as "it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question" as it consists of only planning services, and so will have no "significant effect on the environment."

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rick Vasilopoulos **Telephone:** (661) 705-7912

Signature: 

Title: Water Resources Planner **Date:** 8/5/2022

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing by County Clerk: _____