

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 to Execute Amendment No. 4 to the Ground Lease By and Between the City of Santa Clarita and SCV Water Relative to Central Park

Location -- Specific: Los Angeles County Assessor's Number 2849-003-901

Location -- Counties: Los Angeles County

Description of Activity:

Amendment No. 4 to current ground lease with City of Santa Clarita for Central Park which identifies SCV Water as successor to CLWA, expands the lease area and extends the lease term to January 1, 2038. The Amendment also addresses approvals related to future commercial activities of concessions, amends the 2010 trail license to add cross country trails and future bike paths and adds language that the City is responsible for CEQA review of any future projects as well as amending the notifications necessary for improvements to the park and not allowing the City to erect additional memorials or commemorative signage.

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(class 1)
- Statutory Exemption.
- Other: Explanation:** CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common sense exemption

Reasons why activity is exempt:

The License Agreement is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), the "common sense exemption," which provides that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Here, SCV Water finds the License Agreement exempt from CEQA as "it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question" as it provides for the extension of an existing lease for continuation of an existing use in an existing structure, and so will have no "significant effect on the environment."

This project is also exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, section 15301 (Class 1). This

section exempts from further environmental review the ongoing operation of existing public structures, facilities, and topographical features. Here, the approval of Ground Lease Amendment No. 4 will not result in a change in operation or use. As identified in the prior lease amendments, the City will have expanded access to certain areas where the City may choose to expand its disc golf activities. The lease amendment will also memorialize the City's access to recreational trails that are already in use. In addition, no change in the use of the lease area is anticipated.

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Signature:  **Title:** Water Resources Planner **Date:** 8/3/2022

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing by County Clerk:
