

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Yucaipa Valley Water District  
12770 Second Street  
Yucaipa, CA 92399

County Clerk  
County of: Riverside  
2724 Gateway Drive  
Riverside CA 92507

(Address)

Project Title: Calimesa Lakes Project

Project Applicant: Yucaipa Valley Water District

Project Location - Specific: East of I-10 and north of Engleman Drive in Calimesa, CA

Project Location - City: Calimesa Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Yucaipa Valley Water District proposes the construction of an approximately five-acre lake/infiltration basin located within the Oak Valley Town Center commercial development, located east of Interstate 10 (I-10) and north of Engleman Drive. This development has been approved by the City of Calimesa but has not yet been constructed. The Project is bounded to the west by the northwestern foothills of the San Jacinto Mountains, to the south by a drainage, to the east by Roberts Road, and to the north by undeveloped land. Rough grading of the basin will be conducted by the Specific Plan under a separate EIR. The District will install the basin and equipment. The five-acre infiltration basin is a component of the recycled water system providing additional surface storage, an environmental buffer for high quality recycled water, fire protection for local wildlands and a treatment system that allows the lake water to be used in the recycled water system to meet peak seasonal demands.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Yucaipa Valley Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Yucaipa Valley 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); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 3(d), Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project involves the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; or the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The Project involves building an infiltration basin which falls into a water main, sewage, electrical, gas, or other utility extension exemption category.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jennifer Ares Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (909) 790-3301

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: [Signature] Date: 08.02.2022 Title: Water Resource Manager

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

## RESOLUTION NO. 2022-48

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT APPROVING THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CALIMESA LAKES PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Yucaipa Valley Water District (the "District") is a public agency of the State of California organized and existing pursuant to the provisions of the County Water District Law of this State (Section 30000, et seq. of the Water Code); and

WHEREAS, the District is responsible for the construction and maintenance of water, recycled water and wastewater facilities within the District's service area; and

WHEREAS, the District is utilizing recycled water when applicable to recharge local groundwater basins to increase local water supply reliability.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Yucaipa Valley Water District hereby RESOLVE, DETERMINE, and ORDER as follows:

1. The Board of Directors hereby finds that approval of the Project is not subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code §21000 et seq. and the State CEQA Guidelines, California. Article 5, 15062 Notice of Exemption.
2. The construction of the Calimesa Lakes are classified under Class 3(d), Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.
3. The Board of Directors hereby directs District staff to file a Notice of Exemption for the project within five working days of approval of the Calimesa Lakes Project
3. The Board of Directors hereby approves the construction of the Calimesa Lakes Project and directs the General Manager to file the Notice of Exemption with the County of Riverside and the Office of Planning and Research.

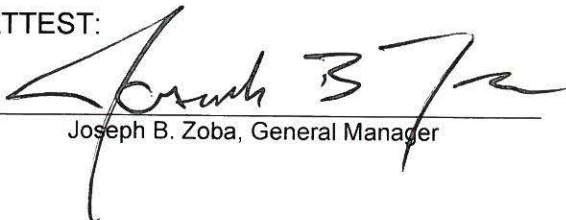
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2022.

YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



Chris Mann, President Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Joseph B. Zoba, General Manager