

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

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

County of: San Bernardino County

(Address)

385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Project Title: Salinity and Groundwater Enhancement (SAGE)

Project Applicant: Yucaipa Valley Water District

Project Location - Specific: 880 West County Line Road, Calimesa, CA 92320

Project Location - City: Yucaipa Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Yucaipa Valley Water District proposes to modify the existing Henry N. Wochholz Regional Water Reclamation Facility (WRWRF) to produce water for groundwater recharge in accordance with Article 5.2 of the State of California Groundwater Replenishment Regulations. The existing facility produces Title 22 reclaimed water using microfiltration with partial reverse osmosis to adjust salinity to comply with the Groundwater Basin Plan. The upgraded treatment facility would include Full Advanced Treatment, consisting of reverse osmosis and advanced oxidation to produce water that is suitable for direct injection into groundwater basins. The facility will be able to produce non-potable water for reuse or for groundwater replenishment. The build-out capacity would be 7.4 million gallons per day (mgd), based upon the 8.0 mgd microfiltration permeate build-out capacity at WRWRF. Project components include additional and improved secondary treatment facilities (additional secondary clarifiers and returned activated sludge improvements), tertiary clarifiers, and a full advanced treatment system (reverse osmosis expansion, relocation of the UV system, and advanced oxidation process. Decarbonation and lime stabilization will be needed to stabilize the effluent from the RO treatment system prior to discharge to the non-potable water/groundwater system. All project components would be constructed in existing paved areas or installed in existing buildings at the WRWRF.

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: _____

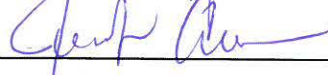
Reasons why project is exempt: The Project involves the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; or the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The Project involves upgrading an existing water reclamation facility by adding additional and improved equipment and facilities.

Lead Agency Jennifer Ares (909) 790-3301

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

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: 08.02.2022 Title: Water Resource Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-50

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT APPROVING THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SALINITY AND GROUNDWATER ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

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 improving recycled water treatment technology and utilizing recycled water when applicable to serve recycled water customers and 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 Salinity and Groundwater Enhancement Project is 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 Salinity and Groundwater Enhancement Project
3. The Board of Directors hereby approves the construction of the Salinity and Groundwater Enhancement Project and directs the General Manager to file the Notice of Exemption with San Bernardino County and the Office of Planning and Research.

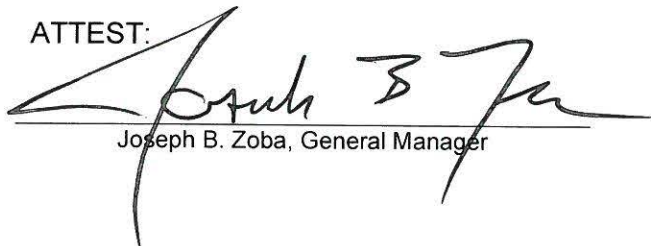
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of August 2022.

YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



Chris Mann, President Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Joseph B. Zoba, General Manager