

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

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

From: South Coast Water District  
31592 West Street  
Laguna Beach, California 92651

County Clerk  
County of: Orange  
601 North Ross Street  
Santa Ana, California 92701

Project Title: Avenida Presidio Valve Replacement Project

Project Applicant: South Coast Water District

Project Location – Specific:

The intersection of Avenida Presidio and North Esperanza east of Interstate 5 in City of San Clemente, CA

Project Location – City: San Clemente Project Location – County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Project is the replacement of approximately 60 to 80 feet of the water transmission main pipeline within the right-of way (ROW) at the intersection of Avenida Presidio and North La Esperanza in the City. The replacement pipe would be approximately 45 feet in length of 12-inch steel pipe, generally running east to west within the ROW of Avenida Presidio and approximately 40 feet of 24-inch steel pipe running generally north-south within the ROW of North La Esperanza. Additional work would include installation of valves, fittings, and associated components; pavement restoration on Avenida Presidio and North La Esperanza; and reinstalling the water service for the affected service area. The Project improvements would provide continued reliability of the water conveyance system.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: South Coast Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: South Coast 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 1 Section 15301 (Existing Facilities)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is limited to the minor alterations and rehabilitation of an existing structure and is categorically exempt under Section 15301, Class 1 (b) which includes existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utility and (d) which allows restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures to meet current standards of public health and safety.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Vernon Weisman, PE Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (949) 499-4555 ext. 3192

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: Vernon R. Weisman Date: 8/9/2022 Title: PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 2103 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.