

**PRELIMINARY EXEMPTION ASSESSMENT**

(Certificate of Determination  
When Attached to Notice of Exemption)

1. Name or description of project:	Isolation Valves Along 33-inch-diameter Pipeline	
2. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site:	The project would occur at two locations in the City of Lake Elsinore along an existing 33-inch-diameter pipeline located near the San Jacinto River. Two (2) valves would be located under an access road near Cottonwood Pump Station No. 1 and immediately southeast of the access road's intersection with Old Newport Road/Railroad Canyon Road (33°39'52.7"N, 117°16'36.8"W). Two (2) valves would also be installed immediately east of the Tuscany Pump Station, which is located at the eastern terminus of Via de la Valle. These valves would be constructed belowground adjacent to the pump station's eastern wall and under the unpaved Old Newport Road/Longhorn Drive (33°40'18.5"N., 117°16'17.6"W).	
3. Entity or person undertaking project:	A. <b>Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District</b>	
	B. Other (Private)	
	(1) Name	
	(2) Address	
4. Staff Determination:	<p>The Lead Agency's staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the Lead Agency's "Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)," has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because the proposed project consists of minor alterations to, and the reconstruction of, an existing facility. The isolation valves would be almost entirely located underground, with surface infrastructure limited to access points (e.g., vault covers).</p> <p>The two valves near the Cottonwood Pump Station would be located under an existing concrete-paved surface, which would be returned to pre-construction conditions (excepting valve access flush with the surface of the concrete) following construction. Water flows over this area following rainfall; accordingly, construction would occur during the dry season, implement a water pollution control plan, and comply with relevant local, state, and federal laws and regulations, including those related to construction in or near Waters of the U.S./Waters of the State, as applicable. The valves near the Tuscany Pump Station would be located under a disturbed, unvegetated area adjacent the pump station and within an access road.</p> <p>A review of the project did not identify any unique circumstances that would result in the project resulting in a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, the project is categorically exempt from requiring detailed analysis under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, and 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction.</p>	
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.	
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is a Ministerial Project.	
c. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is an Emergency Project.	
d. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.	
e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project is categorically exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption Class:	<b>State CEQA Guidelines §15301, Class 1 Exemption, Existing Facilities</b>

		<b>§15302, Class 2 Exemption, Replacement or Reconstruction</b>
f.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The project is statutorily exempt.
		Applicable Exemption:
g.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis:
h.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.
		Name of Lead Agency:

Date: 10/14/22


Staff: *Jase Warner*  
 Jase Warner; Director of Operations

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<b>TO:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	<b>FROM:</b> Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (Public Agency)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Riverside County Clerk County Clerk's Office  P.O. Box 751 Riverside, CA 92502-0751  2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507	<b>Address</b> 31315 Chaney Street Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

1. Project Title:	Isolation Valves Along 33-inch-diameter Pipeline
2. Project Applicant:	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site:	The project would occur at two locations along an existing 33-inch-diameter pipeline located near the San Jacinto River. Two (2) valves would be located under an access road near Cottonwood Pump Station No. 1 and immediately southeast of the access road's intersection with Longhorn Drive/Railroad Canyon Road (33°39'52.7"N, 117°16'36.8"W). Two (2) valves would also be installed immediately east of the Tuscany Pump Station, which is located at the eastern terminus of Via de la Valle. These valves would be constructed below ground adjacent to the pump station's eastern wall and in the unpaved Old Newport Road/Longhorn Drive access road (33°40'18.5"N., 117°16'17.6"W).
4. (a) Project Location – City: Lake Elsinore	(b) Project Location – County: Riverside
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	Isolation valves enable the (typically temporary) closing off of flow to a segment of pipeline, improving the ability for personnel to assess, repair, and maintain that pipeline segment. The two valves near the Cottonwood Pump Station would be located under an existing concrete-paved surface, which would be returned to pre-construction conditions (excepting valve access flush with the surface of the concrete) following construction. Water flows over this area following rainfall; accordingly, construction would occur during the dry season, implement a water pollution control plan, and comply with relevant local, state, and federal laws and regulations, including those related to construction in or near Waters of the U.S./Waters of the State, as applicable. The valves near the Tuscany Pump Station would be located under a disturbed, unvegetated access road area adjacent to the pump station. The project would benefit the EVMWD customers served by the existing 33-inch-diameter pipeline.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District 31315 Chaney Street Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
8. Exempt status: (check one)	

(a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not a project.	
(c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	<b>State CEQA Guidelines</b> <b>§15301, Class 1 Exemption, Existing Facilities</b> <b>§15302, Class 2 Exemption, Replacement or Reconstruction</b>
(e)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(f)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Explanation:	
9.	Reason why project was exempt:		The project consists of minor modification to an existing pipeline and the reconstruction of the affected area. One of the two project locations is where a road crosses a section of the San Jacinto River. This location is currently paved with concrete; construction would comply with applicable laws, regulations, and permit conditions; and the post-construction surface would be similar to the existing surface, with the exception of an access point (e.g., vault) that would be flush with the paved concrete surface. Accordingly, this does not constitute a unique circumstance that would it result in a significant effect on the environment. The other two valves would be located under previously disturbed ground located adjacent to an existing pump station and within an existing access road. The project would not increase the capacity of the existing pipeline.
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person:		Jason Dafforn, Director of Engineering & Water Resources
	Telephone:		(951) 674-3146
11.	If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.		
12.	Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
13.	Was a public hearing held by the lead agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	If yes, the date of the public hearing was: _____		

Signature:  Date: 10/14/22 Title: Director of Operations  
Jase Warner

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

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