

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): South Coast Water District
31592 West Street
Laguna Beach, California, 92651

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

(Address)

Project Title: Joint Regional Water Supply System Bradt Reservoir Paving Phase 4

Project Applicant: South Coast Water District

Project Location - Specific:

851 Calle Agua, San Clemente, California, 92673

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The District is proposing to perform maintenance, repair work and minor improvements at the existing Bradt Reservoir facilities to include removal, replacement, and rehabilitation of asphalt concrete access roads and parking areas, construction of approximately 450 lineal feet of concrete masonry unit retaining walls 3 to 4 feet high to mitigate erosion of soil from slopes onto paved areas, minor grading to construct five new paved parking spaces, new concrete curb and gutter along the edge of asphalt pavement, and construction of approximately 900 lineal feet of 3-ft high chain link fencing for safety purposes along the reservoir access road and an open channel drain on the north and east sides of the reservoir. Please refer to Attachment A for further details.

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Existing Facilities, Section 15301 of CEQA Guidelines
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed maintenance, repair, and minor improvements work qualifies as a "Class 1" categorical exemption for existing facilities, as outlined in Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines. Maintenance and repair of the existing paved access roads and parking lots is consistent with "restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it was determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood." Please refer to Attachment A for further details.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Vernon Weisman 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: 12/7/2022 Title: PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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Attachment A

1 Project Overview

The South Coast Water District (District) provides contract operations and maintenance services to the Joint Regional Water Supply System (JRWSS) Bradt Reservoir in the City of San Clemente. The Bradt Reservoir was constructed in 1961 and 1962 for potable water storage with additional improvements constructed throughout the life of the facility. The District is proposing to perform maintenance, repair work and minor improvements at the existing Bradt Reservoir facilities to include removal, replacement, and rehabilitation of asphalt concrete access roads and parking areas, construction of approximately 450 lineal feet of concrete masonry unit retaining walls 3 to 4 feet high to mitigate erosion of soil from slopes onto paved areas, minor grading to construct five new paved parking spaces, new concrete curb and gutter along the edge of asphalt pavement, and construction of approximately 900 lineal feet of 3-ft high chain link fencing for safety purposes along the reservoir access road and an open channel drain on the north and east sides of the reservoir. All work is to be performed in areas that have been paved or previously disturbed. Excavation for the footings for the retaining walls and minor grading for parking stalls is expected to be no deeper than 2-4 feet in previously disturbed soils and imported fill materials.

Construction activities, including the import and export of materials, would be completed within 50 working days or less. The proposed action is anticipated to result in a total of approximately 150 truck trips during its demolition and construction phases.

The topography of the site slopes significantly to the south. The land uses surrounding the site include disturbed vegetation to the north and south, residential developments and domesticated animal grazing to the west, and disturbed vegetation, residential developments and a public street to the east. Additionally, the District would conduct a nesting bird survey as part of their normal procedures prior to the commencement of construction activities.

2 Categorical Exemption Review

Section 15300 of the CEQA Guidelines provides a list of classes of project that the state has determined do not have a significant effect on the environment and are declared to be categorically exempt from the requirement for further environmental review under provisions of CEQA.

Section 15301 - Existing Facilities exempts certain activities at existing investor and publicly owned utilities including the operation, maintenance, permitting, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public and private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Investor and publicly owned utilities include those utilities providing electric power, natural gas, sewerage, and other public utility services, including potable water.

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