

**PRELIMINARY EXEMPTION ASSESSMENT**

(Certificate of Determination  
When Attached to Notice of Exemption)

1. Name or description of project:	NW Transmission Pipeline Emergency Repair	
2. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	This project is located in Kern County along the shoulder of westbound Highway 178 between Primavera Street and Jacks Ranch Road. See attached Figure 1.	
3. Entity or person undertaking project:	A. Indian Wells Valley Water District	
	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:</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 checked="" 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:	Class I: Existing Facilities
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: 1/9/23

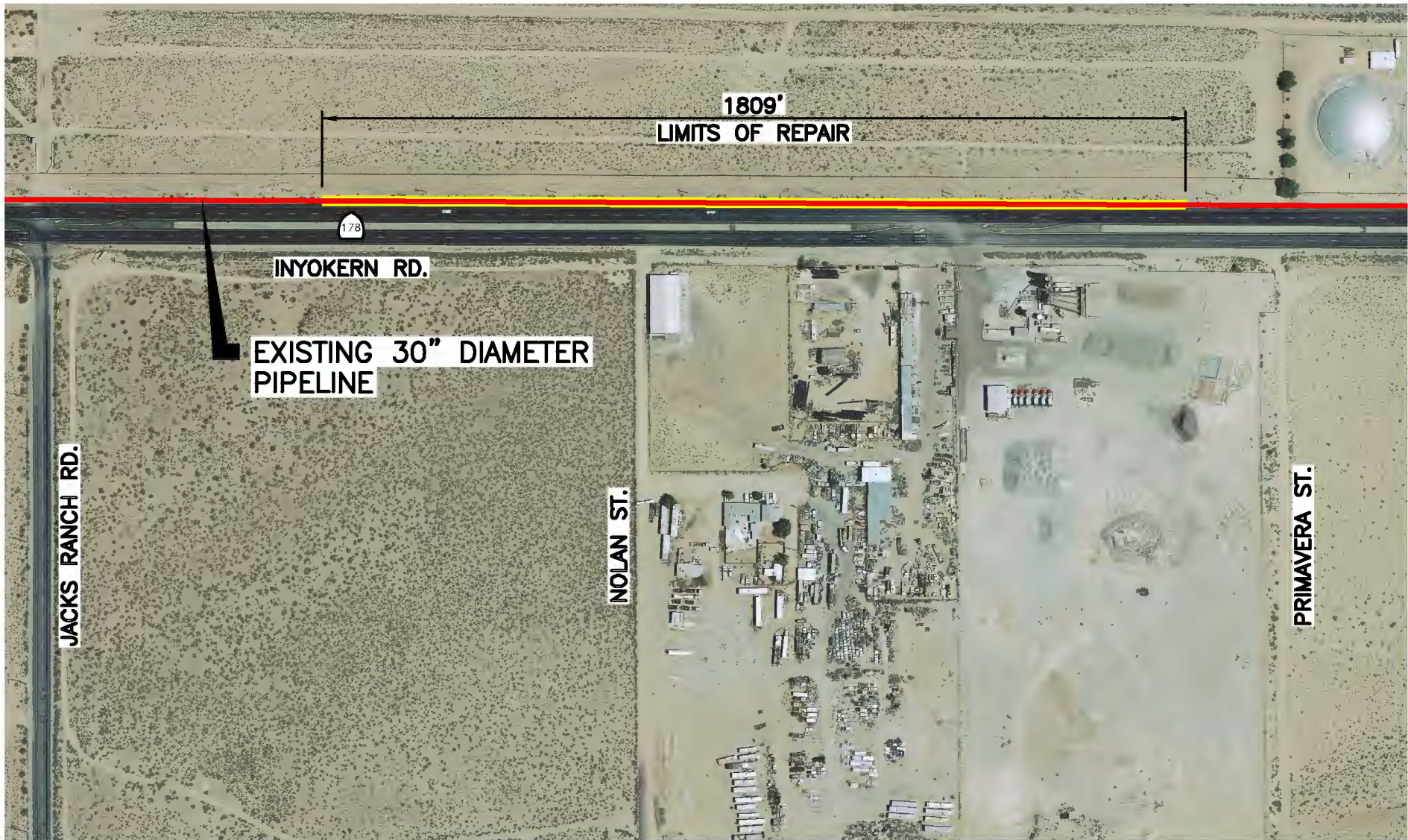
Staff: *[Signature]*

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

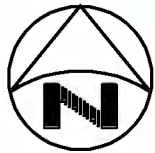
TO: Kern County Clerk 1115 Truxton Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639	FROM: Indian Wells Valley Water District 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd Ridgecrest, CA 93555
1. Project Title:	NW Transmission Pipeline Emergency Repair
2. Project Applicant:	Indian Wells Valley Water District
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The project is located in Kern County along the shoulder of westbound Highway 178 between Primavera Street and Jacks Ranch Road. See attached Figure 1.
4. (a) Project Location – City: Ridgecrest (nearest)	(b) Project Location – County: Kern
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	This project consists of replacing approximately 2000 ± L.F. of 30-inch cement mortar lined and coated transmission pipe with 30-inch HDPE pipe. This pipeline is essential to the health and welfare of the District customers, both residents and businesses.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Indian Wells Valley 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:	Indian Wells Valley Water District
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
(c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b).
(d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Class I: Existing Facilities; (Pub. Res. Code § 21084; State CEQA Guidelines § 15301)
(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	
(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
9. Reason why project was exempt:	This project is an emergency repair to a main water transmission pipeline that serves the customers of the District.
10. Lead Agency Contact Person:	Renee Morquecho, Chief Engineer
Telephone:	760-384-5520
11. Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.	

Signature:  Date: 11/9/23 Title: Chief Engineer

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant



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 SCALES ACCORDINGLY

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**INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

**NW TRANSMISSION PIPELINE EMERGENCY REPAIR**

**LOCATION MAP**

**SCALE: 1"=300'    DATE: 01/05/23    DRAWN BY: SPK    CHECKED BY: DFS    W.O.: 178-162**

**FIGURE**

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