

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
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Project Title: Johnson Street Improvement Project

Project Location:

Johnson Street Project is located in the unincorporated community of Mecca, CA. The Project will take place on the corner of Avenue 68 and Hammond Road.

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Johnson Street Drain Improvement Project (Project) will remove and replace a portion of pre-existing agricultural drain pipe and install new manholes in the unincorporated community of Mecca, CA. The existing Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) tends to plug up with silt which obstructs agricultural drainage causing impacts to the conveyance of the drain and agricultural practices. The pipeline alignment begins at the corner of Hammond Road and Avenue 68, traveling easterly along Avenue 68. The Project will abandon-in-place and slurry cement-fill 350 linear feet of 12-inch RCP and replace it with new 12-inch High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) piping. The Project will also install 8 new manholes on Hammond Road and Avenue 68 on both the existing RCP and newly installed HDPE agricultural drain pipe. The replacement pipeline and manholes will be installed in a previously disturbed area within the public street right-of-way. Excavation of the pipeline trench will be approximately 10 feet below ground surface to allow placement of the new HDPE piping. The open trench installation on Hammond Road and Avenue 68 will cause a temporary closure or controlled traffic during construction. The Project improvements are needed to access the agricultural pipeline for maintenance purposes. No impact to continued agriculture practices will take place. The Project is anticipated to take place over the course of 5 months. The proposed project site is located in a rural residential area, and is not within a conservation area of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Coachella Valley Water District, David Wilson,
Engineering Manager

Exempt Status:

- Not a project: State CEQA Guidelines §15378
- Review for Exemption "Common Sense" Exemption: State CEQA Guideline §15061(b)(3)
- Ministerial (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(1)) State CEQA Guideline §15262
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guideline §15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guideline §15269(b)(c))
- Statutory Exempt: State CEQA Guidelines § _____
- Categorically Exempt: State CEQA Guidelines § 15301, 15302, 15303

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Reasons why project is exempt:

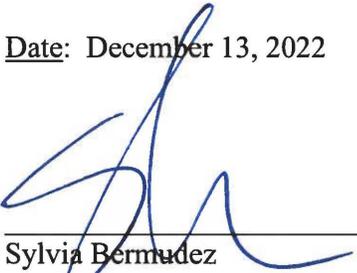
State CEQA Guidelines §15301 (Existing Facilities) allows for the repair and maintenance of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use.

State CEQA Guidelines §15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) allows for the replacement of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

State CEQA Guidelines §15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

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Coachella Valley Water District

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