

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**  
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Project Title: Telemetry Upgrade Project Phase II

Project Location:

Cities of: Palm Desert, Cathedral City, La Quinta, Rancho Mirage, Indio, Thermal, Indian Wells, Desert Hot Springs, and North Shore; Riverside County, CA

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) will replace telemetry equipment at fifty-one potable water and sanitation sites within the cities of Palm Desert, Cathedral City, La Quinta, Rancho Mirage, Indio, Thermal, Indian Wells, Desert Hot Springs, and North Shore. The sites facilities include Domestic Wells (W) and Sanitary Lift Stations (LS):

1. W4567 29-645 Date Palm Drive, Cathedral City
2. W4510 71-777 Dinah Shore Drive, Cathedral City
3. W4613 73-400 Gerald Ford Drive, Palm Desert
4. W4612 73-150 Frank Sinatra Drive, Palm Desert
5. W5603-2 76-500 California Drive, Palm Desert
6. W5719 80-067 Avenue 40th Indio
7. W5717 79-937 1/2 Dandelion Drive, La Quinta
8. W5718 79-867 1/2 Fred Waring Drive, La Quinta
9. W6734 81-948 Rancho Santana Drive, La Quinta
10. W6707 51-742 Jefferson Street, La Quinta
11. W5725 79-592 1/2 Rancho La Quinta Lane, La Quinta
12. W5727 79-998 Rancho La Quinta Lane, La Quinta
13. W6807 89-090 60th Avenue, Thermal
14. W6728 60-372 Desert Shadows Drive, La Quinta
15. W6729 60-402 Madison Street, La Quinta
16. W6726 81-503 Airport Boulevard, La Quinta
17. W4631 73-400 Gerald Ford Drive, Palm Desert
18. W4610 72-702 Dinah Shore Drive, Palm Desert
19. W4611 73-410 Frank Sinatra Drive, Palm Desert
20. W5675 40-928 Avenida Solana, Palm Desert
21. W5682 74-355 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert

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22. W5679 39-400 Tamarisk Row Drive, Palm Desert
23. W5701 80-185 Vista Grande, La Quinta
24. W5716 79-437 1/2 Desert Stream Drive, La Quinta
25. W5715 79-370 Avenue 48, La Quinta
26. W4722 78-903 Sunrise Mountain View, Palm Desert
27. W6725 56-020 Madison Street, La Quinta
28. W5714 44-965 Calle Placido, La Quinta
29. W5669 76-495 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert
30. W7803 85-850 Middleton Road, Thermal
31. W5672 73-205 Hovley Lane West, Palm Desert
32. W4720 78-800 Avenue 38, Palm Desert
33. W4721 37-021 Adams Street, Palm Desert
34. W3410 16-755 Atlantic Avenue, Desert Hot Springs
35. W5713 79-745 1/2 Star Flower Trail, La Quinta
36. W4504 70-440 Sunny Lane, Rancho Mirage
37. W4507 71-300 Dinah Shore Drive, Rancho Mirage
38. W6805 84-399 Airport Boulevard, Thermal
39. LS 50-01 500' S. of Desert Beach Drive/Seaview Drive, North Shore
40. LS 55-12 46-755 Jefferson Street, La Quinta
41. LS 55-19 55921 Calhoun Street, Thermal
42. LS 55-24 51-501 Jackson Street, Thermal
43. LS 80-05 46-250 Racquet Club Dr., Indian Wells
44. LS 80-06 71-008 Country Club Drive, Rancho Mirage
45. LS 80-09 Vintage Drive/Morningstar Drive, Palm Desert
46. LS 80-13 44-504 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells
47. LS 81-04 78270-A Brad Ryland Drive, Indian Wells
48. LS 80-04 Racquet Club Drive/Hwy 111, Indian Wells
49. LS 55-01 Avenue 50/Storm Water Channel, La Quinta
50. LS 80-19 77-401 1/2 Miles Avenue, Indian Wells
51. LS 81-07 80-860 Avenue 42, Indio

The purpose of the project is to rehabilitate and improve the reliability of domestic water and sanitary services. CVWD's domestic water and sewer collection system are comprised of 169 remote sites, including well sites, booster stations, and reservoirs; as well as 28 sanitary lift stations throughout the Coachella Valley. These sites have a mix of legacy remote terminal units (mRTU) that are beyond their useful life, antiquated, and replacement parts are difficult to find. The replacement of this equipment with updated Programmable Logic Controls (PLC) technology will provide for significant operational optimization through streamlined communications with our newly implemented SCADA system. CVWD is also participating in a Demand Response Program (DRP) with Enersponse through Southern California Edison.

Construction will consist of the removal and proper disposal of the existing electronic equipment. Fifty-one new electronic PLCs will be installed, hard-wired, and tested for operation. E-waste will be disposed of utilizing CVWD's contracted services for disposal at an authorized recycling facility. Negligible downtime is anticipated for the facility installation, and will not impact CVWD domestic water and sanitary services. CVWD will replace equipment for fifty-one sites over the next two-year period.

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Surrounding land uses consist of residential, commercial, recreational, and roadways. The project is not located within or adjacent to a conservation area associated with the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. The project sites are located within developed urban areas, paved roadways, or parking lots, and involve negligible ground disturbance.

Lead Agency Approving Project and Contact: Coachella Valley Water District; William Patterson, Environmental Supervisor / Phone: (760) 398-2651

Exempt Status:

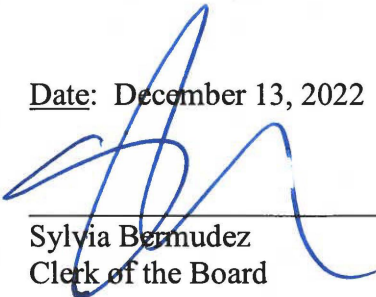
- Not a project:** State CEQA Guidelines §15378
- Review for Exemption/Common Sense Exemption:** State CEQA Guideline §15061(b)(3)
- Ministerial:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guideline §15268)
- Declared Emergency:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guideline §15269(a))
- Emergency 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

Reasons why project is exempt:

State CEQA Guidelines §15301 (Existing Facilities) allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project includes the rehabilitation of 51 telemetry units and CVWD potable water and sanitation facilities, which does not pose the possibility of a significant effect on the environment. The replacement equipment would be located on the same site and have substantially the same use as the existing equipment.

State CEQA Guidelines §15032 (Replacement or Reconstruction) allows for projects consisting of the replacement or reconstruction 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. The replacement telemetry equipment would be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing equipment.

Date: December 13, 2022



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Sylvia Bermudez  
Clerk of the Board

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

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