

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**To:** Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk  
Los Angeles County  
12400 Imperial Highway  
Norwalk, CA 90650

**From:** Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency  
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

**Project Title:** Sierra Hwy Potholing

**Location -- Specific:** LA County Assessor's Parcel ID#2844-022-913, #2836-001-032 & #2844-001-900, GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 34.412402, Longitude: -118.457397

**Location -- Counties:** Los Angeles County

**Description of Activity:** Potholing to locate two potable water pipelines to record the GPS readings of the pipeline locations and depth. A rubber-tired backhoe with vacuum potholing trailer will be used to avoid impacts to native vegetation where possible. Potholing will result in no more than minimal individual impacts. Potholing depths are anticipated to be approximately 6 feet. An area for each air vacuum potholing will be a maximum 1 foot by 1 foot; therefore, it is anticipated that each potholing location will result in 6 cubic feet of the material temporarily excavated. The total amount of material that will be dredged during potholing is estimated at approximately 24 cubic feet. All material that will be excavated during the potholing will be placed back. Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to avoid and minimize project impacts to waters of the state, including BMPs for hazardous substances.

**Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying Out Activity:** Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Lead Agency).

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 Information Collection
- Statutory Exemption.

**Reasons why activity is exempt:**

The project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for an exemption under Class 6 Information Collection because it consists of basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

None of the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the action.

Sierra Hwy Potholing

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Rick Vasilopoulos      **Telephone:** (661) 705-7912

**Signature:**



**Title:** Water Resources Planner

**Date:** 01/17/23

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing by County Clerk:

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