

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk
County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260
San Diego, CA 92101

From: Otay Water District
2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd.
Spring Valley, CA 91978-2096

Project Title: Ralph W. Chapman Water Reclamation UV Disinfection Project

Project Location – Specific: The Otay Water District's Ralph W. Chapman water reclamation facility located off Campo Road at 11901 Singer Lane, Spring Valley, CA 91978.

Project Location – City: Unincorporated Rancho San Diego

Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Project: The proposed project consists of the installation of an ultraviolet disinfection system to replace gaseous chlorine disinfection at the Otay Water District's existing water reclamation facility. The main components of the project include the following: installation of a Trojan UV disinfection panel system within the reclamation plant's existing chlorine contact basin, electrical and control systems for the UV system operation, a shade canopy structure over the disinfection basin and a small sodium hypochlorite chemical storage and pumping system for maintaining a chlorine residual in the recycled water distribution system. Also included in the project is the replacement of existing filter backwash supply pumps with higher capacity pumps. The current gaseous chlorine system and controls will remain in place until the UV disinfection system has been installed and tested and the sodium hypochlorite system is in place, at which point, the existing gaseous chlorine system and controls will be removed and/or demolished. All work will be done within the existing treatment plant site.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Otay Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lisa Coburn -Boyd, Otay 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));
- Categorical Exemption (*state type and section number*): Class 1(b), Section 15301
- Statutory Exemption: (*state code number*):

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The work being done for the proposed project consists of the upgrade of an existing facility and does not include any expansion of its current treatment capacity. All of the upgrade work will be completed within the boundaries of the existing facility and will not have any impact outside of the reclamation plant footprint. Therefore, this construction project qualifies for the Categorical exemption for the minor alteration of existing facilities of publicly owned utilities used to provide sewerage service. (Class 1 (b) Section 15301).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Lisa Coburn-Boyd, Otay Water District

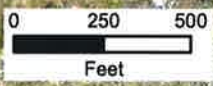
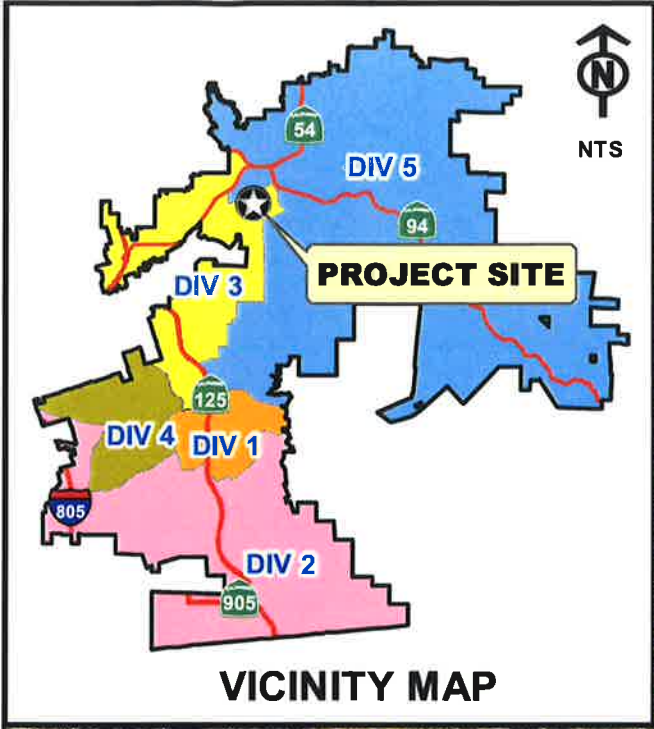
Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (619) 670-2219

Signature: Lisa Coburn-Boyd
Title: Environmental Compliance Specialist

Date: April 3, 2023

- Signed by Applicant
- Signed by Lead Agency

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OTAY WATER DISTRICT
RALPH W. CHAPMAN WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY
DISINFECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
LOCATION MAP



CIP R2117
CIP R2157