

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
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Project Title: Grant of Right-of-Way BIA Allottee #20E

Project Location:

Whitewater River Stormwater Channel: Sections 28 and 34, Township 4S, Range 5E

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project renews stormwater flood easements along the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel (WWRSC) between Frank Sinatra Drive and Dinah Shore Drive within Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal land. The Project renews 19 easements of which 14 are allotted.

This project will also acquire a Grant of Right-of-Way with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on behalf of Allotment Tract No. 20E (Seller) for 17.56 acres of easement for 50 years within Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 687-050-004 and a portion of APN 687-050-003. Tract No. 20E has been formally appraised and the easement is valued for the 50-year term at \$3,000 per acre or \$52,680 for 17.56 acres; a contingency of \$2,634 with a total cost of \$55,314.

No ground disturbance or construction is included or permitted within the renewal and acquisitions of easements. The project site is not located with or immediately adjacent to a conservation area associated with the Coachella Valley Multiples Species Habitat Conservation Plan. The project is not subject to the Coachella Valley Association of Governments Local Development Mitigation Fee because the project location is an existing, disturbed parcel.

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 § 15277
- Categorically Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines §15301

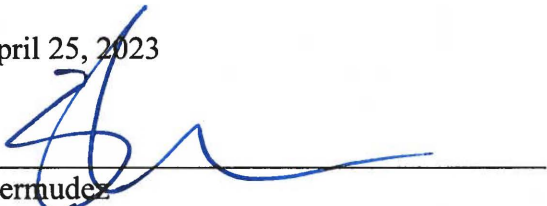
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Reasons why project is exempt:

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.

State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption) states an activity is covered by the common sense exemption where CEQA applies only to a project and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

Date: April 25, 2023



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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