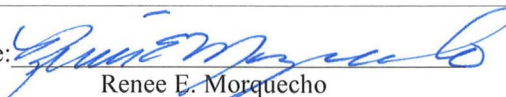


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Kern County Clerk 1115 Truxton Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639	FROM: Indian Wells Valley Water District 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd Ridgecrest, CA 93555
1. Project Title:	NW Transmission Pipeline Replacement
2. Project Applicant:	Indian Wells Valley Water District
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The project is located in Kern County along the north shoulder of westbound Highway 178 between N. Victor Street and N. Brady Street.
4. (a) Project Location – City: Ridgecrest (nearest)	(b) Project Location – County: Kern
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	This project consists of replacing approximately 18,000 ± L.F. of 30-inch cement mortar lined and coated steel transmission pipe with 24 inch fusible PVC pipe. This pipeline is essential to the health and welfare of the City of Ridgecrest and surrounding area residents and businesses.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Indian Wells Valley Water District
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Indian Wells Valley Water District
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	
(d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Section 15302(c) replacement or reconstruction
(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	
(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
9. Reason why project was exempt:	The project falls under Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) because the project will replace the existing transmission main with a new main of negligible or no expansion of capacity.
10. Lead Agency Contact Person:	Renee Morquecho, Chief Engineer
Telephone:	760-384-5520

Signature:  Date: May 9, 2023 Title: Chief Engineer
Renee E. Morquecho

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: _____

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