

# Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** 2023-2026 Monitoring Well Drilling and Installation Program

**Location – Specific:** Location 1: one new monitoring well generally between Indian Trail and Smithson Road (exact location to be determined); Location 2: one new monitoring well in the vicinity of Deep Creek and the West Fork of Mojave River headwaters near Arrowhead Lake Road (exact location to be determined); Location 3: one new monitoring well at the MWA’s Lucerne Valley pump station property, 37776 Foothill Road, Lucerne Valley.

**Location – County:** San Bernardino County

**Description of Activity:** The Mojave Water Agency (MWA) will drill and install three multi-completion monitoring wells in various areas of its service area boundary throughout 2023-2026 to enhance the existing groundwater elevation and water quality monitoring network. Purpose: Location 1: identify the groundwater influences of the Helendale Fault on the west side of the Mojave River (requires property acquisition); Location 2: drill new well to replace existing well on non-MWA-owned property near the confluence of Deep Creek and West Fork of the Mojave River headwaters in which the well data is no longer available to MWA (requires property acquisition); Location 3: confirm groundwater influences at the MWA Lucerne Valley Pump Station’s proposed groundwater recharge project location.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity:** The Mojave Water Agency.

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption. CEQA Guidelines Sections 15306, Class 6: *Information Collection*.
- Statutory Exemption

**Reasons why activity is exempt:**

The proposed project consists of installing three monitoring wells for the purpose of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Although the locations are not yet determined for Locations 1 and 2, it is the MWA’s intent to purchase property to install the new wells on disturbed land and/or the wells have a small footprint that would not cause a major disturbance to environmental resources.

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