

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
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Project Title: Apply for Grant Funds from the State Water Resource Control Board's "Expedited Drinking Water Grant Funding Program" on Behalf of the New Mint Association for Consolidation of Distribution System

Location -- Specific: The project is located off Sierra Highway at Fitch Avenue, Forrest Street and Louis Avenue in Santa Clarita, CA

Location -- Counties: Los Angeles County

Description of Activity:

SCV Water is applying for Grant Funds from the State's "Expedited Drinking Water Grant Funding Program" for Consolidation of the New Mint Association water distribution system. The project will replace an existing potable water distribution system to meet SCV Water standards and consolidate the New Mint Association water system into SCV Water.

Based on the project design and because the construction consists of the replacement of a potable water system that provides water service to existing residences within the existing New Mint Association to meet current SCV Water standards, and because the project is located within the same site as the existing system, this project will be categorically exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines as described herein. A new NOE will be prepared when construction is approved by the SCV Water Board of Directors.

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

Exempt Status: (Choose Exemption Type)

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** See CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (c)
- Statutory Exemption.** See CEQA Guidelines Section 15282 (k)

Reasons why activity is exempt:

The project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for a Categorical exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15302 (c) Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction of existing utility facilities where the new facilities will be located on the same site as the facilities replaced and will have substantially the same purpose as the facilities replaced.

The project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for a Statutory Exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15282 (k) as it will install less than one mile of new public water distribution piping within the same limits as the existing system.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brent Payne **Telephone:** (661) 964-3991

Signature:  Title: Principal Engineer Date: 7/21/2023

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant