## **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

| TO: |   | FROM:              | East Valley Water District                 |
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|     | Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044      | (Public<br>Agency) | 31111 Greenspot Road<br>Highland, CA 92346 |
|     | Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or  |                    |  |
|     | County Clerk County of: San Bernardino 222 W. Hospitality Lane San Bernardino, CA 92507 |                    |  |

| 1. | Project Title:   | EVWD Reactivation of Well 120<br>(District Project Number 2238)   |
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| 2. | Project Applicant:   | East 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 in the mid-southern portion of the East Valley Water District (EVWD), in the City of Highland, County of San Bernardino ( <b>Figure 1</b> – <b>Vicinity Map</b> ). The project is located between Section 2 Township 1 South, Range 3 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian ( <b>Figure 2</b> – <b>USGS Map</b> ).  |
|    |  | The project consists of Assessor Parcel Number (APN 121-026-141). The Project site is located between Silver Buckle Road to the east, Weaver Street to the west, Gold Buckle Road to the north, and Greenspot Road to the south ( <b>Figure 3 – Aerial Map</b> ).   |
| 4. | (a) Project Location – City:   | Highland  |
|    | (b) Project Location – County:   | San Bernardino  |
| 5. | Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:  | This Project involves the reactivation of existing Well 120 to provide EVWD a short term (5-year) water supply while other wells within the EVWD service area are deactivated. The Well 120 is located in a fenced, fully developed/paved site in the middle of a residential neighborhood. Prior to deactivation, Well 120 produced a maximum of approximately 1,600 gallons per minute (gpm). The Project is proposing to install a new submersible pump to Well 120 that will generate approximately 700 gpm. Installation of the submersible pump will not require any drilling or extending the depth of the existing well. All project-related work will be done at the developed Well 120 site. Since the Well 120 site has been previously developed and maintained by EVWD, no vegetation removal is required. |
|    |  | Beneficiaries of the project are East Valley Water District customers, which include residential and  |

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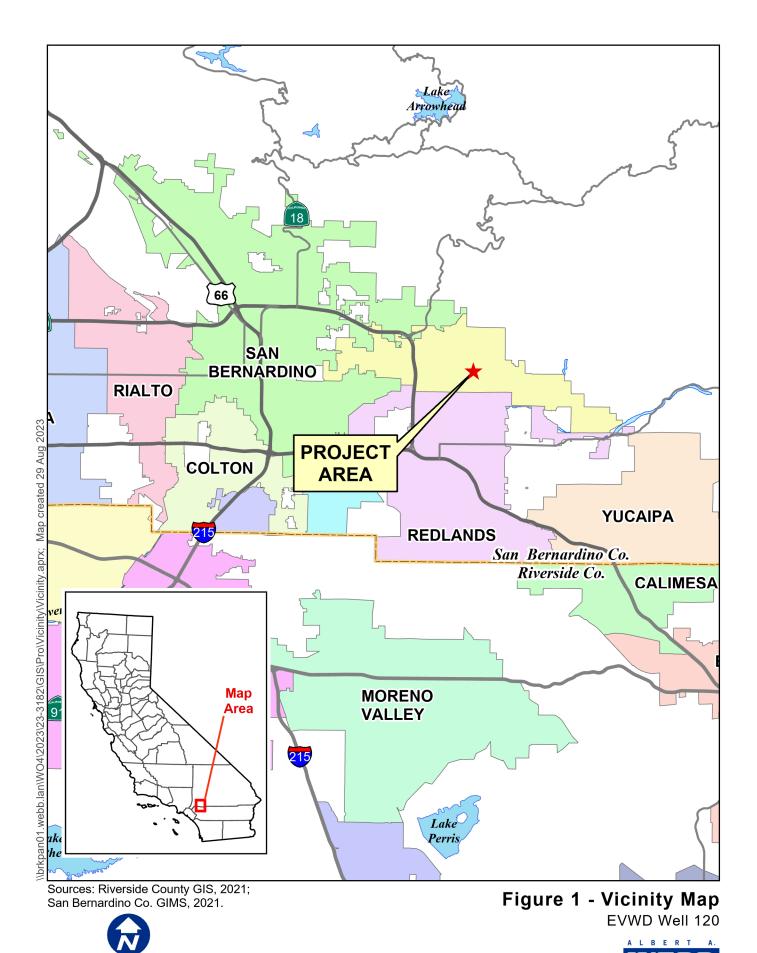
|                               |   |          |  | commercial uses.   |
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| 6.                            | Name o  | f Public | Agency approving project:  | East Valley Water District   |
| 7.                            | Name of Person or Agency undertaking 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: |          | erson undertaking an activity that all assistance from the Public of the activity or the person e, permit, license, certificate, or t of use from the Public Agency as | East Valley Water District   |
| 8. Exempt status: (check one) |   |          | (check one)  |  |
|                               | (a)   |          | Ministerial project.   |  |
|                               | (b)   |          | Not a project.   |  |
|                               | (c)   |          | Emergency Project.   |  |
|                               | (d)   |          | Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:  | Class 2 Exemption – Replacement or Reconstruction (§15302(c))  |
|                               | (e)   |          | Declared Emergency.  |  |
|                               | (f)   |          | Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:  |  |
|                               | (g)   |          | Other. Explanation:  |  |
| 9.                            | Reason  | why pro  | ject was exempt:   | The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the Class 2 exemption set forth in State CEQA Guidelines §15302 (c), which exempts the " replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity."   |
|                               |   |          |  | Although Well 120 has been inactive for over a decade, the Well 120 Project site remains fully equipped and maintained by EVWD. The Project is proposing to replace the old pump with a new submersible pump in order to provide short term water supply within the same EVWD potable water distribution system. The Project will serve in the same function as when Well 120 was operational. The proposed submersible pump will produce approximately 700 gpm which is significantly lower than Well 120's previous pumping capacity of 1600 gpm, therefore no expansion of capacity will occur. Additionally, the Project does not entail any drilling on-site and does not require any offsite improvements or modifications. Therefore, the Project will not result in an expansion of pumping capacity nor a change in function of the former Well 120 site. As such, the Project is consistent with the |

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|   |  | categorical exemption set forth in State CEQA<br>Guidelines §15302(c).  |  |  |
|   |  | Finally, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions apply here. The Project will not have any cumulative impacts; there is no reasonable possibility that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; the Project does not affect any scenic highways or historical resources; and it is not located on a hazardous waste site. |  |  |
| 10.   | Lead Agency Contact Person:  | Jason Wolf, PE, Senior Engineer   |  |  |
|   | Telephone:   | (909) 888-8986  |  |  |
| 11.   | If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing. Yes \square No \times |   |  |  |
| 12.   | Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes ⊠ No □                    |   |  |  |
| 13.   | Was a public hearing held by the lead agency to consider the exemption? Yes ☐ No ☒                             |   |  |  |
|   | If yes, the date of the public hearing was:  |   |  |  |
| Signature: Date: 9-13-2023 Title: Senior Engineer  Jason Wolf, PE |  |   |  |  |
| ⊠ Signed by Lead Agency   |  |   |  |  |
| Date Received for Filing:   |  |   |  |  |
| (Clerk Stamp Here)  |  |   |  |  |

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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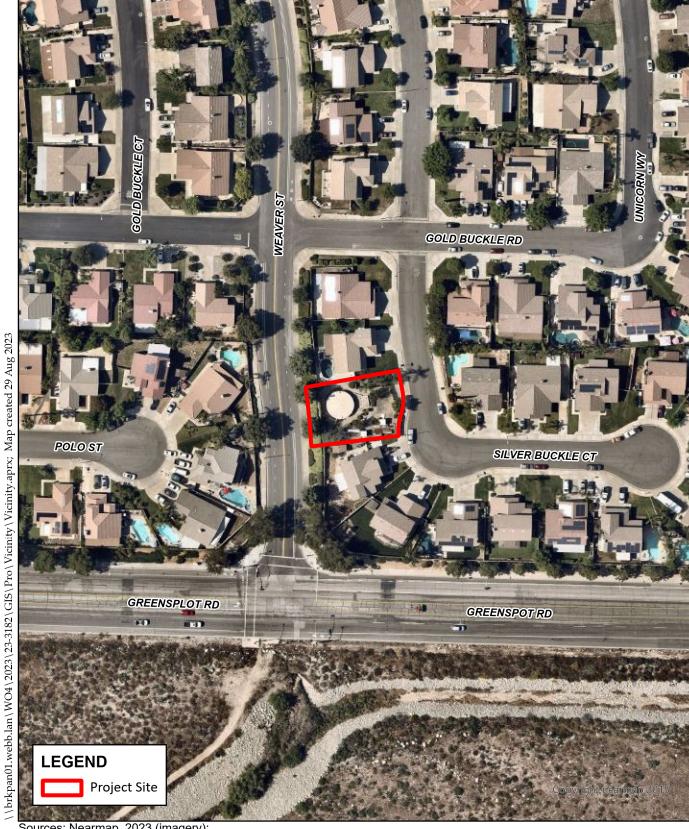


Sources: ESRI / USGS 7.5min Quads: REDLANDS, Section 2, Township 01 South, Range 03 West.

Figure 2 - USGS Map EVWD Well 120







Sources: Nearmap, 2023 (imagery); San Bernardino Co. GIS, 2022 (streets).

Figure 3 - Aerial Map EVWD Well 120



