

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Orange

From: South Coast Water District
31592 West Street
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

601 North Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Project Title: Pressure Relief Valve Replacement Project

Project Applicant: South Coast Water District

Project Location – Specific:

The Pressure Relief Valve and connector piping are located adjacent to and northwest of Avenida Pico, near the intersection with the primary signalized entrance to San Clemente High School. Assessor's Parcel Number APN 679-041-02.

Project Location – City: San Clemente Project Location – County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Pressure Relief Valve Replacement Project (Project) involves the replacement of a pressure relief valve that was previously removed from the existing vault and slip lining the discharge piping from the vault to the discharge outside the roadway right-of-way. The existing steel pipe to be slip lined would be accessed via a manhole in Avenida Pico and from the drainage channel on the downstream end. As part of the construction process, and to determine the location and layout of the buried pipeline, the contractor will string out the new HDPE plastic pipeline across existing grouted rock riprap in the drainage channel bank near the existing outlet. The HDPE pipe will be fed through the existing outlet through and pulled from within the existing vault with cable and winch. The Project does not involve any modifications to the drainage channel. The existing outlet would be temporarily sealed to prevent any construction debris from entering the drainage channel. All construction would occur within the existing channel improvements associated with the vault and armored drainage channel and no new excavation or earth disturbance would be required.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: South Coast Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: South Coast Water District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 Section 15301 (Existing Facilities)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is limited to the minor alterations and rehabilitation of an existing structure and is categorically exempt under Section 15301, Class 1 (b) which includes existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities and (d) which allows restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures to meet current standards of public health and safety.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Vernon Weisman, PE Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (949) 499-4555 x. 3192

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Vernon R. Weisman Date: 9/28/2023 Title: PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 2103 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.