

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Los Angeles County
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

To: County Clerk and Recorder
Ventura County
800 S. Victoria Ave, Location #1260
Ventura, CA 93009

Project Title: Battery Energy Storage System at the Rio Vista Treatment Plant ("Project")

Location -- Specific: The Project is located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA.

Location -- Counties: Los Angeles County

Description of Activity:

Santa Clarita Valley Water Authority (SCVWA) proposes to undertake a project to install a battery energy storage system at the Rio Vista Treatment Plant to provide the Agency with clean energy for the operation of the facility. The beneficiaries of the Project will be SCVWA and the public.

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

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** See CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 and 15311.
- Statutory Exemption.

Reasons why activity is exempt:

- **Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Sec. 15303):** The Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. Consistent with subdivisions (d) and (e) of this exemption, the Project involves construction of accessory (appurtenant) structures including electrical equipment.
- **Class 11 – Accessory Structures (Sec. 15311):** The Project consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.

The Project has been examined in the context of these foregoing exemptions and has been found consistent with the criteria. The Project is not barred by any exceptions of Section 15300.2 because the Lead Agency/Applicant has determined that the Project: (1) is not located in a sensitive environment; (2) has no cumulative impact; (3) will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; (4) will not result in damage to scenic resources;

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(5) is not located on a hazardous waste site; and (6) will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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Signature:  **Title:** Water Resources Planner **Date:** 11/14/2023

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing by County Clerk:
