

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**  
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Project Title: BIA ROW Renewal for Ave 71 Ag Drain

Project Location:

The project is located in the unincorporated area of Thermal, CA in Riverside County near the intersection of Pierce Street and 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The Assessor Parcel Number for the two allotments are 749-210-010 and 749-200-002.

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Coachella Valley Water District ("CVWD") is proposing to submit an application for right-of-way ("ROW") to renew its recently expired rights for the existing Avenue 71 agricultural drainage underground line for a proposed 50-year term. This ROW is over and across Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians (Torres Martinez) Allotments 70 and 72 located in Riverside County, Assessor Parcel Numbers 749-210-010 and 749-200-002. The ROW is approximately 2.29 acres. CVWD's rights expired on April 21, 2020, and were recorded on May 21, 1970, as Instrument No. 47878, Official Records of Riverside County.

No ground disturbance or construction is included within the ROW application. The project site is not located with or immediately adjacent to a conservation area associated with the Coachella Valley Multiples Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). CVWD maintains coverage for maintenance activities in agricultural drains through its participation as permitted in the CVMSHCP.

Lead Agency Approving Project and Contact: Coachella Valley Water District; Chris Bogan, Right of Way Supervisor / Phone: (760) 398-2651

Exempt Status:

- Not a project: State CEQA Guidelines §15378
- Review for Exemption/Common Sense Exemption: State CEQA Guideline §15061(b)(3)
- Ministerial: (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guideline §15268)
- Declared Emergency: (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guideline §15269(a))
- Emergency Project: 15269(b)
- Statutory Exempt: State CEQA Guidelines § 15277
- Categorically Exempt: State CEQA Guidelines: §15301

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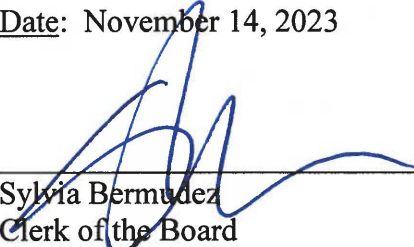
**Reasons why project is exempt:**

State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption) states an activity is covered by the common sense exemption where CEQA applies only to a project and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

State CEQA Guidelines §15301 (Existing Facilities) consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

**Environmental Contact Person:** Carlos Huerta, CVWD Environmental Specialist, Phone (760) 398-2651

Date: November 14, 2023



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Sylvia Bermudez  
Clerk of the Board

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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