

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

From: (Public Agency): Water Replenishment District
of Southern California

4040 Paramount Blvd, Lakewood, CA 90712

(Address)

Project Title: City of Commerce Well 4-L Treatment Operations and Maintenance

Project Applicant: Water Replenishment District of Southern California

Project Location - Specific:

3317 S. Garfield Avenue.

Project Location - City: Commerce

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves operation and maintenance of the City of Commerce's (City) existing treatment system at the Well 4-L site. The Well 4-L has a capacity of 800 gpm and includes granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment, which was completed in September 2006. The treatment system was installed to treat perchloroethylene (PCE) in the groundwater prior to distribution. The Water Replenishment District of Southern California is assisting the City with State funding and functioning as a liaison between the State and the City. See Attachment A for additional details.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Commerce

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Commerce

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: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project involves operation and maintenance of an existing treatment system.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Aimee Zhao

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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:  Date: 12/12/2023 Title: General Manager

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Notice of Exemption – Attachment A

Project Title

City of Commerce Well 4-L Treatment Operations and Maintenance

Project Location and Description of the Project

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California is assisting the City of Commerce with State funding as the Technical Assistance Provider and functioning as a liaison between the State and the City of Commerce. The City of Commerce Water Department serves a portion of the City of Commerce, which includes residential use (approximately 30% of service area) and commercial and industrial use (approximately 70% of service area). The Well 4-L has a capacity of 800 gpm and includes granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment, which was completed in September 2006. The treatment system was installed to treat PCE due to levels above the secondary maximum contaminant level (MCL). The Project consists of the operations and maintenance of this treatment system. Activities as part of this Project include, but not limited to, permitting, monitoring, reporting, and replacement and changeout of existing equipment.

Exempt Status

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, the Class 1 Existing Facilities exemption applies to 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.” The Project consists of the operation, repair, and maintenance of an existing water treatment system. Given this scope, the Project is not anticipated to result in a significant disturbance to an environmental resource.