NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:	Riverside County Clerk 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507	FROM: (Public Agency)	Name:	Desert Water Agency
			Address:	P. O. Box 1710 Palm Springs, CA 92263
			Telephone:	(760) 323-4971

1.	Project Title:	TSS Monitoring Well G5	
2.	Project Applicant:	Desert Water Agency	
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):	TSS Monitoring Well G5 is located South of Interstate 10, North of State Highway 111, East of Indian Canyon Drive, and West of Gene Autry Trail, on parcels identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 669-810-043 and 669-810-039, in the City of Palm Springs, Riverside County, California. Refer to attached map.	
4.	(a) Project Location – City: Palm Springs	(b) Project Location – County: Riverside County	
5.	Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	Pursuant to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 10729) of Division 6, Part 2.74 of the California Water Code, the State shall provide in-kind and subcontracted technical services for investigating and gathering data on groundwater conditions in groundwater basins of California to assist Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in developing Groundwater Sustainability Plans, collectively referred to as "Technical Support Services" or "TSS". Pursuant to an agreement between the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Desert Water Agency (DWA), DWA will construct, operate, and maintain a monitoring well, which will be operated to monitor groundwater conditions within the underlying groundwater basin. The beneficiaries of the project are the customers of Desert Water Agency.	
6.	Name of Public Agency approving project:	Desert Water Agency	
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:	Desert Water Agency	
8.	Exempt status: (check one)	•	
	(a) Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)	
	(b) Ont a project.		
	(c) Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(2),(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))	
	(d) ⊠ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Class 3: New Construction of Small Structures (§ 15301) and Class 6: Information Collection (§ 15302)	

(e) Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))			
(f) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:				
(g) 🛛 Other. Explanation:	State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)			
9. Reason why project was exempt:	The project consists of constructing, operating, and maintaining a monitoring well on existing DWA-owned parcels. The primary purpose of the project is to collect information about the underlying groundwater conditions. The project will not result in a significant effect on the environment, including those effects listed in State CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2			
10. Lead Agency Contact Person:	Sarah Rapolla, Desert Water Agency			
Telephone:	(760) 323-4971 ext. 127			
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing. N/A				
12. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes □ No □ N/A				
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: Click to enter date				
Signature	Date: January 3, 2024			
James R. Beale Name	Title: Krieger & Stewart, Incorporated Agency Consulting Engineer			
⊠ Signed by Lead Agency	☐ Signed by Applicant			
Date Received for Filing: Click to enter date				
(Clerk Stamp Here)				

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

