

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County Clerk
 County of: Los Angeles
 12400 E Imperial Hwy
 Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): Water Replenishment District
4040 Paramount Blvd
Lakewood, CA 90712
 (Address)

Project Title: Tract 349 Well No. 3 Replacement

Project Applicant: Tract 349 Mutual Water Company

Project Location - Specific:
4630 Santa Ana St, Cudahy, CA 90201

Project Location - City: Cudahy Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project involves replacing Tract 349's Well No. 3, which was constructed in 1948 and is not in compliance with current well standards. The replacement well will allow Tract 349 to pump groundwater on a more reliable basis and comply with regulatory orders related to manganese concentrations and flow (maximum peak demand, fire flow). The replacement well will also allow Tract 349 to maintain their average annual groundwater production levels.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Water Replenishment District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tract 349 Mutual Water Company

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)); Class 2 - Replacement or Reconstruction - (CEQA)
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Guidelines Section 15302
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____


Reasons why project is exempt:

This project consists of the replacement of an existing structure (well no. 3) with a new well at the same site, which will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Asha Kreiling Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 562-275-4221

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: 02/29/24 Title: Assistant 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

Tract 349 Well No. 3 Replacement

Project Location and Description of the Project

Through Water Replenishment District's (WRD) Well Loan and Rehabilitation Loan Program, WRD will provide Tract 349 Mutual Water Company (Tract 349) a \$2.5 million zero-percent interest loan to help finance the construction of a replacement well for Tract 349's Well No. 3 which has operational issues and Maximum Contaminant Level exceedances for manganese. Tract 349 serves approximately 8,700 residents as well as commercial and industrial customers and is based at 4630 Santa Ana St, Cudahy, CA 90201.

The capacity of Well No. 3 has decreased over time, from about 1,240 gallons per minute (gpm) in 1948 to about 700 gpm in 2022. The replacement well will be constructed to have a capacity of about 900 gpm, which will allow Tract 349 to maintain its average groundwater production levels and meet water supply demands and comply with the state drinking water standard for manganese.

Exempt Status

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, the Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction exemption applies to the “replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.” This Project consists of the construction of a replacement well to serve the same purpose and capacity as the existing well at the same site.