

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

To: **San Bernardino County**  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
385 North Arrowhead Avenue  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

2024 MAR -6 AM 8:14  
From: **Inland Empire Utilities Agency**  
6075 Kimball Avenue  
Chino, CA 91708  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
CALIFORNIA

**Project Title:** IEUA Turnkey Turf Transformation Program (Program)

**Project Location:** The proposed project will be implemented within the service area of four agencies: Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Calleguas Municipal Water District, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. Specific locations of future projects have not yet been identified, but the site-specific future projects will be located within San Bernardino County, Riverside County, Los Angeles County and Ventura County.

**Project Location - City:** No specific cities yet identified.

**Project Location - County:** San Bernardino, Riverside, Los Angeles and Ventura

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project:** The Program will be implemented in the following manner: identification of non-residential sites in critically drought-stricken service areas that occupy highly visible locations and contain large amounts of non-functional turf; and perform a landscape evaluation to determine the opportunity to reduce water usage; provide efficient irrigation; and, identify plant material options/recommendations. The Program's goals are to immediately reduce water usage in conjunction with encouraging the public to install water-efficient landscaping on the properties to reduce irrigation water usage.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Inland Empire Utilities Agency

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Calleguas Municipal Water District, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, and Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

**Exempt Status:** (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sections 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sections 21080(b)(4); 15269(b))
- Categorical Exemption (Section 15304(b))

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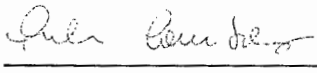
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**Reasons why project is exempt:** The State CEQA Guidelines provide a series of categorical exemptions for projects that have been deemed to have minimal impacts on the environment. The proposed Program consists of removing high water demand turf landscape and replacing it with lower water consuming landscaping with the goal of reducing irrigation water demand. This proposed Program has been determined to have no potential to cause significant adverse effects on the environment based on management commitments and will ensure that future Turf Transformation projects can be conducted without significant adverse impact. Categorical Exemption Class 4 exempts "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. (b) New gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire-resistant landscaping." The exceptions to the issuance of categorical exemptions have been taken into consideration for the proposed Project. The proposed Program has been determined **not** to have a potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects as a result of any of the exceptions. Therefore, this proposed action is not forecast to cause any potential for significant adverse environmental impacts and qualifies with the requirements for Class 4(b) Exemption.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Pietro Cambiaso

**Telephone:** (909) 993-1600

**Signature:** 

**Title:** Manager of Compliance and Sustainability

**Date:** 3/5/2024

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2024 MAR -6 AM 8:17  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
CALIFORNIA



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 36 — 03062024 — 159  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY Inland Empire Utilities Agency	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 03062024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING San Bernardino	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE  
 IEUA Turnkey Turf Transformation Program (Program)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Inland Empire Utilities Agency	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (909) 993-1600
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 6075 Kimball Avenue	CITY Chino	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 91708

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency     School District     Other Special District     State Agency     Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD: #4012

Cash     Credit     Check     Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED**    \$    50.00

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Jennifer Luna, Deputy Clerk
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