

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
 County Clerk  
 County of: Orange  
 601 North Ross Street  
 Santa Ana, CA 92701

**From:** (Public Agency): South Coast Water District  
31592 West Street  
Laguna Beach, CA 92651  
 (Address)

Project Title: Laguna Cliffs Marriott Fire Flow Design Project

Project Applicant: South Coast Water District (SCWD)

Project Location - Specific:

APNs 682-311-07 and -11; Binnacle Lantern, Terrace Lantern, Eastern Lantern ROWs

Project Location - City: Dana Point Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves various water system improvements to increase fire flow capacity for the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort and Spa and to provide a looped water supply system to the hotel to minimize system outages and improve water quality. Project components include abandonment in place of approximately 920 linear feet of pipeline, removal/disposal of associated pipeline appurtenances, and installation of approximately 925 linear feet of new pipeline.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: South Coast Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: South Coast Water District

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: Class 2 (Section 15302)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

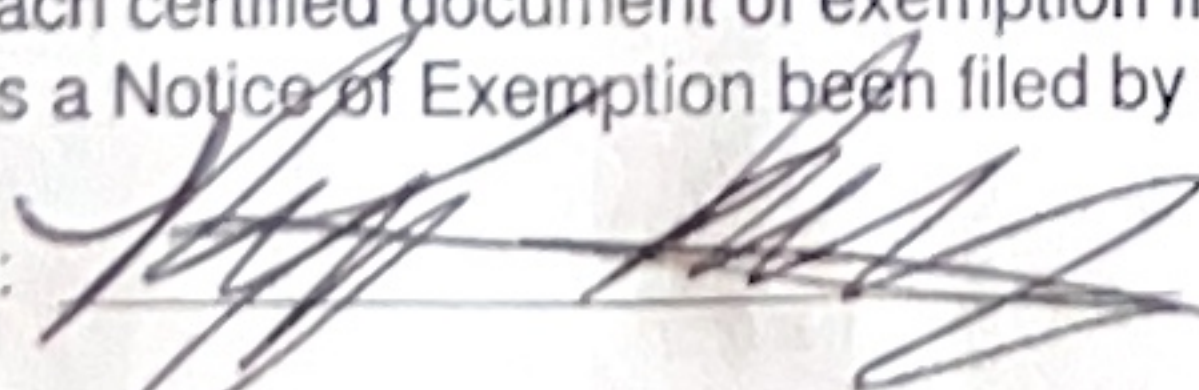
Reasons why project is exempt:

The project involves the replacement and reconstruction of existing utility facilities involving negligible expansion of capacity. The new pipelines would be primarily installed along the same alignments as existing pipelines and would serve substantially the same purpose as the existing system (i.e., to provide water supply and fire flow capacity). The project would not involve unusual circumstances that would preclude the use of an exemption. None of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2) apply to the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Dylan LaFrance Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 949-342-2178

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: 3/19/24 Title: Senior Engineer

• 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: \_\_\_\_\_

