

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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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: PCH PRV Upgrades Project

Project Applicant: South Coast Water District (SCWD)

Project Location - Specific:

APNs 682-166-12, 682-166-24, and 682-023-01 (Dana Point Harbor Drive)

Project Location - City: Dana Point

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves abandonment of an existing, SCWD pressure-reducing station and construction of a new pressure-reducing station at a nearby location on Dana Point Harbor Drive to provide fire flow to Dana Point Harbor. The purpose of the project is to modernize the pressure-reducing station with the latest water infrastructure technology and to provide more efficient and safe access to the station for SCWD personnel during operational activities.

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 an existing utility facility involving no expansion of capacity. The new pressure-reducing station would serve the same purpose as the existing station and would be located in SCWD's service area in substantially the same location as the existing facility along Dana Point Harbor Drive. The project would not result in an increase in capacity for SCWD and would result in no expansion of existing use. 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

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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: 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: _____