

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**  
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County of San Diego  
Recorder/County Clerk's Office  
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260  
Post Office Box 121750  
San Diego, CA 92112-1750

Project Title: Well Rehabilitation Project, Phase 3

Project Location: The Project is located in Palm Desert, CA on the corner of Royal Palm Drive and San Pablo Avenue in Riverside County (APN 627-081-020)

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) proposes the rehabilitation of production Well 5662-1 (Project). The Project consists of a 16-inch and 12-inch OD mild steel well casing and 12-inch OD wire wrap well screen. The purpose of the proposed rehabilitation is to remove scale and mineral build up and in turn restore the efficiency of the Well while also improving the water quality.

Well testing and rehabilitation of existing water supply includes but is not limited to: pre-rehabilitation well performance testing, permanent pump and motor removal and inspection, downhole video surveys, installation of pump assembly, well rehabilitation, testing, and disinfection. Well rehabilitation may include the use of National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) approved chemicals including clay dispersant and liquid chlorine. Development water will be initially discharged to a tank for settling of solids prior to being discharged to an onsite detention basin or approved location.

No ground disturbance activities will take place during construction. The project is anticipated to take place over the course of 9 months. No road closures will be needed, all construction work will take place on CVWD property. The proposed project site is located in rural residential area, and is not within a conservation area of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP).

Lead Agency Approving Project and Contact: Coachella Valley Water District; Sabrina Nies, Engineering Manager / Phone: (760) 398-2651

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Exempt Status:

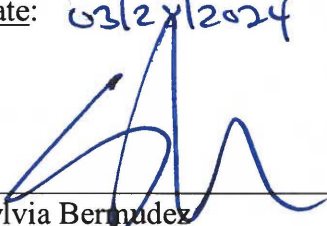
- Not a project:** State CEQA Guidelines §15378
- Review for Exemption/Common Sense Exemption:** State CEQA Guideline §15061(b)(3)
- Ministerial:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guideline §15268)
- Declared Emergency:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guideline §15269(a))
- Emergency Project:** 15269(b)
- Statutory Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines § 15277
- Categorically Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines: §15301

Reasons why project is exempt:

State CEQA Guideline\_§15301 (Existing Facilities) allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Environmental Contact Person: Carlos Huerta, CVWD Environmental Specialist, Phone (760) 398-2651

Date: 03/27/2024

  
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Sylvia Bernudez  
Clerk of the Board

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

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