

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

County Clerk

County of: Riverside

2724 Gateway Drive

Riverside, CA 92507

From: (Public Agency): _____
Western Municipal Water District

14205 Meridian Parkway, Riverside, CA 92518

(Address)

Project Title: Mills Gravity Line Eight Easements Maintenance

Project Applicant: Western Municipal Water District (WMWD)

Project Location - Specific:

The Mills Gravity Line (MGL) is in the City of Riverside in western Riverside County. The MGL is the potable water source for numerous households and businesses in southeast Riverside.

Project Location: City of Riverside in Riverside County, CA

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Mills Gravity Pipeline Eight Easements Maintenance includes vegetation clearing and pipeline repair and/or pipeline reach replacement. Annual/semi-annual vegetation removal is expected to take two days maximum per site. Repairs could take between 2-8 weeks and would occur as needed and infrequently. The limits of disturbance are 40 feet wide to the bottom of the pipe. The depth of the MGL pipe varies by location, up to 40 feet. Vegetation clearing will occur outside of the bird nesting season. Routine repair would be scheduled by WMWD outside of the bird nesting season. Unanticipated repairs that cannot wait because of impacts to the water supply will occur at any time of the year. Beneficiaries of this project are the households and businesses that require potable water.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Western Municipal Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Chris Fike, Deputy Director

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Article 18, Section 15282 (k)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Pursuant to CEQA Section 15282(k), the project is the maintenance and repair of specific reaches of an existing pipeline which do not exceed one mile in length.

Lead Agency: Western Municipal Water District

Contact Person: Chris Fike, Deputy Director Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 951-789-5133

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: 4.29.24 Title: DDO

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: _____