

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION UNDER CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

**TO:** X Office of Planning & Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**FROM:** Lead Agency,  
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa  
Water Storage District  
12109 Highway 166  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
(661) 858-2281

**TO:** X County Clerk  
County of Kern  
1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Bakersfield, California 93301

**Project Title:**

850 B-DX Intertie Pipeline

**Project Location - Specific:**

One half mile north of Laval Road and 1.5 miles east of the intersection of Del Sol Drive and Laval Road within Section 32, Township 10 North, Range 19 West, S.B.M. and Section 33, Township 10 North, Range 19 West, S.B.M. (location map attached).

**Project Location - City:** N/A

**County:** Kern

**Description of Project:**

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District's installation of a new 12-inch diameter water main to connect two existing water distribution zones with no increase in the number of customer turnouts. The Project includes placing several small, above-ground appurtenant structures at each end of interconnection pipeline including isolation valves, air release valves, and a water meter. The total length of pipeline will be approximately 2,700 feet and the footprint of the project will occupy less than 2.5 acres. The work area is limited to an avenue within a vineyard and the Tejon Oil Field. Said avenue is devoid of vegetation.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:**

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial - Section 15268
- Declared Emergency - Section 15269(a)
- Emergency Project - Section 15269(b)(c)
- Statutory Exemption - § 15261 ("Ongoing Project") & § 15273(a) ("Rates & Charges")
- Categorical Exemption - state type and section number:  
Classes 3 (§15303(d)) and 4 (§15304(f))

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The District finds the Project is exempt based on the following provisions of the CEQA Guidelines:

Class 3 – The Project consists of construction of the following small facilities: extension of a water main to interconnect two existing agricultural water distribution systems, or zones. (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, § 15303.)

Class 4 – The Project involves minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored, and, thus, constitutes a minor alteration to land. (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, § 15304.)

**Lead Agency**  
**Contact Person**

**Phone**

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District  
Alexandra Zavala, Assistant Engineer (661) 527-6070

**If filed by applicant:** N/A

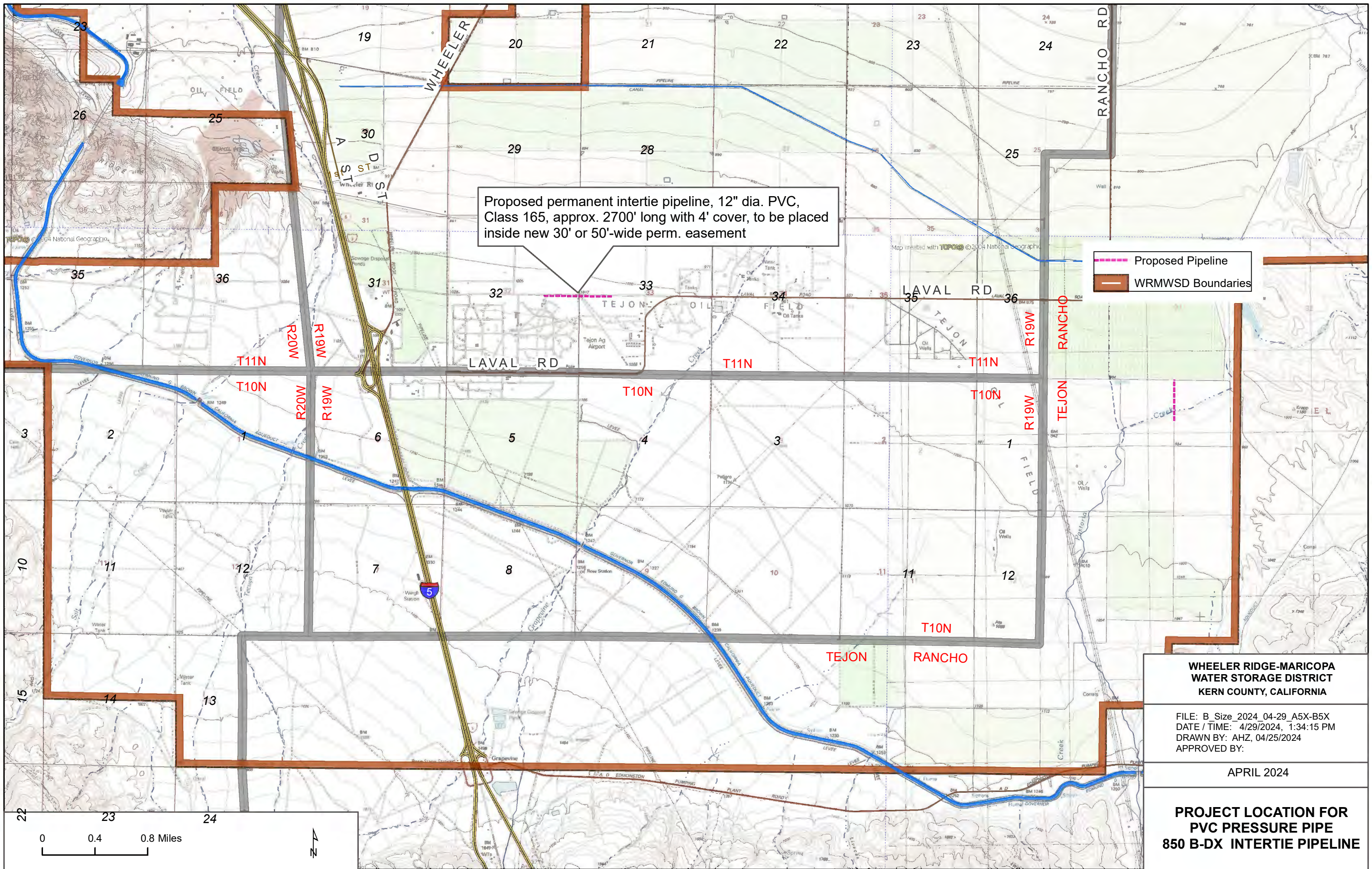
1. Attached certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  
 Yes  No

**Date:** May 15, 2024

  
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Sheridan Nicholas, Engineer Manager

- Signed by Lead Agency                      Date received for filing at OPR:
- Signed by Applicant





Proposed permanent intertie pipeline, 12" dia. PVC, Class 165, approx. 2700' long with 4' cover, to be placed inside new 30' or 50'-wide perm. easement

Proposed Pipeline  
WRMWS District Boundaries

**WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA  
WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

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**PROJECT LOCATION FOR  
PVC PRESSURE PIPE  
850 B-DX INTERTIE PIPELINE**

