

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| <p>TO:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p> | <p>FROM: Name: (Public Agency) Santa Margarita Water District</p> <p>Address: 26111 Antonio Parkway Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688</p> <p>Telephone: 949.459.6400</p> |
| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk (Include County name) Address: Orange</p> | |

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| 1. Project Title: | Vista Reservoir Management System (RMS) and Safety Upgrades, C-1395A.01 |
| 2. Project Applicant: | Santa Margarita Water District |
| 3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name): | 26629 Vista Marina, Coto de Caza, CA 92679 Cross Streets: Coto De Caza Dr and Vista Del Verde |
| 4. (a) Project Location – City: Coto de Caza | (b) Project Location – County: Orange |
| 5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project: | The Project's goal is to construct reservoir improvements that include replacement of roof access hatches for operator access, new hatches for RMS mixers and chlorine dosing, and the addition/replacement of roof vents for reservoir filling and draining operations. Chlorine dosing will include electrical power and controls, and a new chemical storage facility. For safety improvements, the Project includes the replacement of ladders, and roof fall restraint systems. These improvements will require paint touchup, and the painting will be performed with full containment. |
| 6. Name of Public Agency approving project: | Santa Margarita Water District |
| 7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, | Santa Margarita Water District |

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| permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity: | |
| 8. Exempt status: (check one) | |
| (a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project. | (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268) |
| (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project. | State CEQA Guidelines 15050(c)(2)-(3) |
| (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency | (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a)) |
| (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project. | (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c)) |
| (e) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: | Covered under Class 1: Existing Facilities under the State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301. |
| (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number: | |
| (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation: | |
| 9. Reason why project was exempt: | The proposed project is located with the SMWD site property fence line and is covered under Class 1: Existing Facilities under the State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301. |

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| 10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone: | Patricia A. Butler 949.459.6554 |
| 11. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "B") before filing. | |
| 12. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: | |

Patricia A. Butler
Signature

Date: 4/16/2024

Patricia A. Butler, P.E.
Name

Title: Chief Engineer

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

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