

PRELIMINARY EXEMPTION ASSESSMENT

(Certificate of Determination
When Attached to Notice of Exemption)

1. Name or description of project:	The Highway 74 Waterline Relocation – El Cariso Village Project	
2. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site:	The project is located in the County of Riverside to the west of the City of Lake Elsinore along approximately 1900 feet of Caltrans’ SR-74 Right-of-Way (ROW). The cross street is El Cariso Road.	
3. Entity or person undertaking project:	A. Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	
	B. Other (Private)	
	(1) Name	
	(2) Address	
4. Staff Determination:	<p>The Lead Agency’s staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the Lead Agency's "Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)," has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because the proposed project consists of a pipeline of less than one mile in length within a public right of way. More specifically, the project is approximately 960 feet long and would be constructed along the SR-74 ROW. Accordingly, the project is statutorily exempt from requiring analysis under CEQA.</p>	
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.	
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is a Ministerial Project.	
c. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is an Emergency Project.	
d. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.	
e. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is categorically exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption Class:	
f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project is statutorily exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption:	California Public Resources Code §21080.21, Public ROW Pipeline Projects Less than One Mile in Length
g. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis:	
h. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.	
	Name of Lead Agency:	

Date: 08/19/2024

Staff: Parag Kalaria
Parag Kalaria, Director of Engineering and Water Resources

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<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: Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (Public Agency)</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Riverside County Clerk County Clerk’s Office P.O. Box 751 Riverside, CA 92502-0751 2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507</p>	<p>Address 31315 Chaney Street Lake Elsinore, CA 92530</p>

1. Project Title:	Highway 74 Waterline Relocation – El Cariso Village
2. Project Applicant:	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site:	The project is located in the County of Riverside to the west of the City of Lake Elsinore along approximately 1900 feet of Caltrans’ SR-74 Right-of-Way (ROW). The cross street is El Cariso Road.
4. (a) Project Location – City: West of the City of Lake Elsinore	(b) Project Location – County: Riverside
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	The purpose of the project is to relocate approximately 1900 feet of an existing waterline within the Caltrans SR-74 ROW to accommodate a road-widening project. As part of the pipeline relocation, the existing six-inch-diameter pipeline will be replaced with an eight-inch-diameter pipeline that meets current design standards. The project will benefit EVMWD customers served by the existing pipeline.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Elsinore Valley Municipal 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, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District 31315 Chaney Street Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	State CEQA Guidelines § 15301, Existing Facilities
(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(f) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	California Public Resources Code §21080.21, Public ROW Pipeline Projects Less than One Mile in Length

(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
9. Reason why project was exempt:	The Project is statutorily exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Statute Section 21080.21 (CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(k) – Other Statutory Exemptions), which exempts from CEQA “any project of less than one mile in length within a public street or highway or any other public right-of-way for the installation of a new pipeline or the maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline.” The Project entails construction within the public right-of-way that will allow the District to repair and replace an existing subsurface pipeline that is less than one mile in length and that is within an existing public right-of-way. The Project thus falls squarely within this statutory exemption.
10. Lead Agency Contact Person:	Parag Kalaria, Interim Director of Engineering & Water Resources
Telephone:	(951) 674-3146
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form “A”) before filing.	
12. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. Was a public hearing held by the lead agency to consider the exemption? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: _____	

Parag Kalaria
Signature

Date: 08/19/2024

Parag Kalaria
Name

Title: Director of Engineering & Water Resources

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: _____

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

HIGHWAY 74 WATERLINE RELOCATION: EL CARISO VILLAGE

