

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO: Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
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**FROM: Los Angeles County Public Works
Waterworks Division
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Project Title

Avenue J-12 And 50th Street West Site Improvements, Well No. 4-91 Project

Project Location – Specific:

Los Angeles County

Project Location – City:

Lancaster

Project Location – County:

Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Public Works plans to construct a groundwater well replacement to optimize the capacity of Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley. The Project will increase water supply reliability and drought preparedness in the event of an interruption to or reduction of imported water supply. The proposed project is on property owned and operated by Public Works, is partially developed, and is currently used for well water production, storage, disinfection, and pumping and contains existing structures, paving, fencing, water wells, a water tank, and associated piping as well as an undeveloped lawn.

The proposed Project will consist of the installation of a groundwater well replacement (approximately 510-foot-deep, 8-inch-diameter pipe) that will produce 550 gallons of water per minute, a detention basin (approximately 46-feet by 46-feet and 15-feet in depth) that will be used for well flushing, approximately 1,035 feet of pipe, and associated pumps and motors. Pipe installation trenching will be backfilled afterwards. The Project also proposes to install appurtenances, such as a main switchboard and distribution board, pull boxes, a concrete slab for pad mounted transformers, block wall masonry, gates, and fencing. The work will incorporate construction best management practices and follow all applicable regulations, including preparation of and adherence to Noise Abatement and Noise Implementation Plans in accordance with the City of Lancaster's noise ordinance.

On September 10, 2024, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the project and found it exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Los Angeles County Public Works

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project:

Los Angeles County Public Works

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21065; 15378(a) and (b)(5);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

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- Categorical Exemption.** State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (a) and (b); Section 15303 (d) and (e); and Class 1 (e) and (l); and Class 3 (b) and (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G.
- Statutory Exemption.**

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is exempt from CEQA per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and Section 15303 because the project involves the installation of a groundwater well replacement, detention basin, and piping, as well as appurtenances (main switchboard and distribution board, pull boxes, concrete slab for pad mounted transformers, and fencing) at an existing Public Works' water system facility to produce its adjudicated groundwater rights and help meet the water supply demand within the area. There is no change to the existing use of the facilities.

Additionally, the Project is not located in a sensitive environment and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that the project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the record of the proposed activities.

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