

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>	<p>FROM: Name: Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (Public Agency)</p> <p>Address: 31315 Chaney St. Lake Elsinore, CA 92530</p> <p>Telephone: (951) 674-3146</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk: County of Riverside Address: 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507</p>	
<p>1. Project Title:</p>	<p>Ortega Reservoir Rehabilitation</p>
<p>2. Project Applicant:</p>	<p>Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD)</p>
<p>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):</p>	<p>At the terminus of Lakeridge Avenue; adjacent to Highway 74 in City of Lake Elsinore. (See <b>Figure 1 – Vicinity Map</b> and <b>Figure 2 – Project Location.</b>)</p> <p>The Project is located within the Alberhill USGS topographic quadrangle, Township 6 South, Range 5 West, Section 15, San Bernardino Base and Meridian. (Refer to <b>Figure 3 – USGS Map.</b>)</p>
<p>4. (a) Project Location – City: Lake Elsinore</p>	<p>Project Location – County: County of Riverside</p>
<p>5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:</p>	<p>The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate EVMWD’s existing 2.2-million-gallon potable water Ortega Reservoir. Built in 1990, the Ortega Reservoir has been identified in need of rehabilitation. The activities planned for the reservoir include structural retrofit to meet current standards, replacing the cathodic protection system, roof repairs, adding a passive interior mixing system, inlet/outlet piping improvements, site drainage improvements, new interior and exterior coatings of the reservoir surface, and safety updates to the interior and exterior of the tank to meet current standards. In addition, all asphalt paved surfaces will be rehabilitated with a slurry seal and fog coat. All of the planned rehabilitation activities, including staging of supplies and equipment, will take place within the existing fence line that surrounds the property. None of the paved access road that is outside of the fence line will be rehabilitated. The project will not result in the expansion of the reservoir, which will maintain its existing size, purpose, and capacity. The project will benefit customers of EVMWD by ensuring potable water system reliability. Construction is expected to</p>

	start in Fall 2024 and require approximately 150 days to complete.
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
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:	§15301 Class 1 – Existing Facilities
(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
9. Reason why project was exempt:	The Project is categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 – Existing Facilities, which exempts from CEQA any project that consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Project will repair the existing water supply reservoir involving negligible or no expansion of capacity because the proposed activities are necessary maintenance and repairs in order to maintain the facility’s functionality and bring it up to current safety standards.
10. Lead Agency Contact Person:  Telephone:	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Parag Kalaria, Director of Engineering & Water Resources  (951) 674-3146

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  No   
If yes, the date of the public hearing was:

Parag Kalaria  
Signature

Date: September 26, 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 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

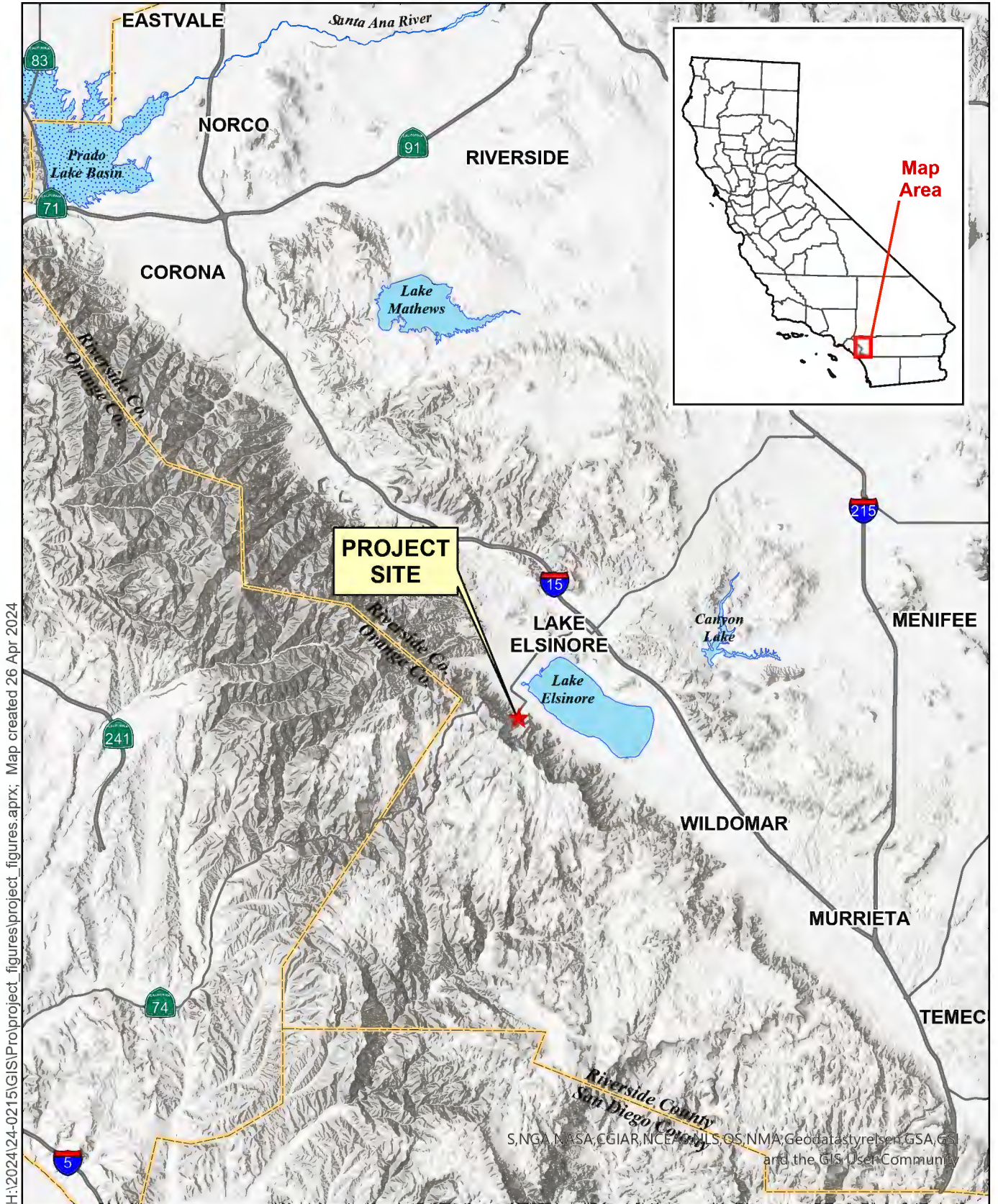
**CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION**

(If Notice of Exemption filed by Project Applicant, Project Applicant must Attach to Notice of Exemption)

1. Name or description of project:	Ortega Reservoir Rehabilitation	
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3. Entity or person undertaking project:	A. Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD)	
	B. Other (Private)	
	(1) Name	
	(2) Address	31315 Chaney St. Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
4. Staff Determination:  The Lead Agency’s Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Lead Agency’s Local Guidelines for Implementing CEQA has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project is categorically exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption Class:	§15301 Class 1 – Existing Facilities
f. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is statutorily exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption:	
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: September 26, 2024

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



Source: Riverside County GIS, 2020



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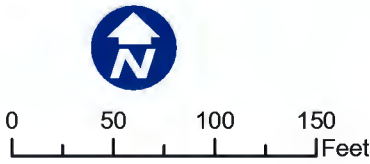
**Figure 1 - Vicinity Map**  
Ortega Reservoir Rehabilitation

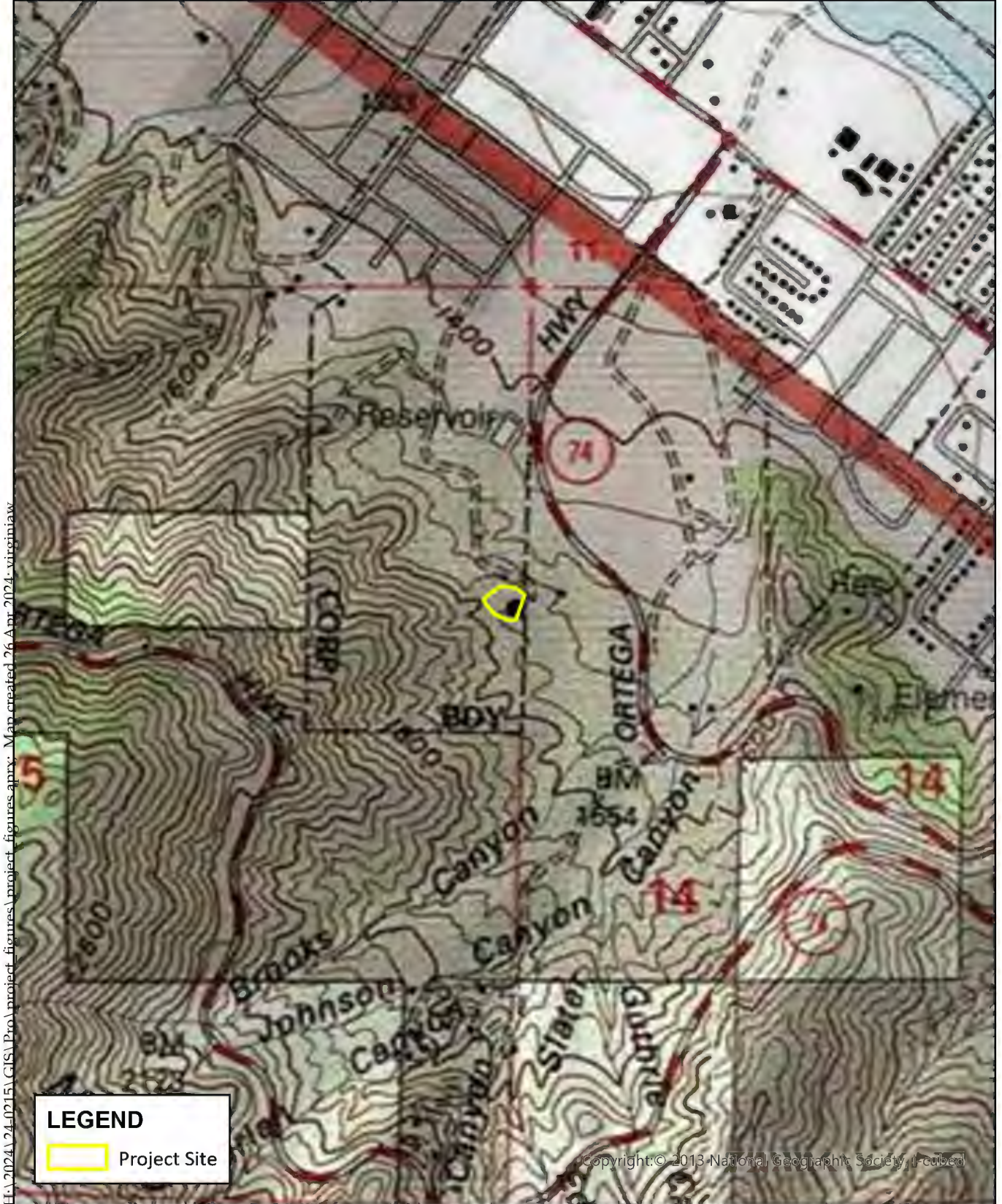
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Source: Nearmap, 2024.

**Figure 2 - Project Location**  
Ortega Reservoir Rehabilitation





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Sources: ESRI / USGS 7.5min Quads: ALBERHILL

**Figure 3 - USGS Map**  
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