

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County Clerk
 County of: Merced
 2222 M Street
 Merced, CA 95340

From: (Public Agency): _____
 Santa Nella County Water District
12931 S. Hwy 33 Santa Nella, CA 95322
 (Address)

Project Title: Surface Water Treatment Plant Improvements

Project Applicant: Santa Nella County Water District

Project Location - Specific:
37.073029, -121.014314

Project Location - City: Santa Nella Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The SWTP Improvements Project (Project) will upgrade antiquated equipment and add needed infrastructure at the existing SWTP to provide Santa Nella County Water District with a dependable and efficient means of treatment to provide surface water to the community in drought conditions. Project improvements will consist of replacing the existing treatment units with new packaged treatment units, adding a structure/building to cover/house the packaged treatment units, replacing the effluent flow meter, replacing the hydropneumatic tank and generator, replacing the electrical controls, adding additional backwash reclamation storage, and adding a new surface water storage tank and associated piping, valving, and site improvements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Nella County Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Amy Montgomery, General Manager

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CCR, Title 14, Div.6, Ch 3, Section 15302 Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

An Addendum to the certified SNCWD Water Master Plan EIR (SCH 1992032043) was prepared which included an Initial Study and an NOD for was filed on 11/2/2022. The project was evaluated in terms of any changed condition (e.g., changed circumstances, project changes, or new information of substantial importance) that may result in a changed environmental result that could trigger additional environmental review outside the Addendum. It was determined that the SWTP Project would not result in any changed conditions that would require additional environmental review, since the project proposes replacement of existing facilities and equipment on the existing SWTP site; no additional land would be affected. Therefore, the project is exempt per CCR, Title 14, Div.6, Ch 3, Section 15302 Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Amy Montgomery, General Manger Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 826-0920

If filed by applicant:

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

Signature: [Signature] Date: 12/16/22 Title: General Manager
 Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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