

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
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From: (Public Agency): Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
26515 Summit Circle
Santa Clarita, California 91350

(Address)

Project Title: Expanded Monitoring in Upper Santa Clara Basin Project

Project Applicant: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Project Location - Specific:

APN/AINs 2861-004-902, 2861-002-902, 2811-067-907, 2861-002-900, 2861-002-123, 2811-069-904, 2811-069-906, 2826-163-001, 2826-163-033, 2826-007-017, 2826-007-023, 2866-003-011

Project Location - City: Santa Clarita Project Location - County: Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of the construction of up to 17 new monitoring wells at 10 locations, which would be used to conduct basic data collection and resource evaluation activities related to assessing groundwater flow and water quality conditions in key unmonitored portions of the Upper Santa Clara River Groundwater Basin.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15303 (New Construction and Conversion of Small Structures) 15306 (Information Collection)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project involves the installation of 17 new monitoring wells at 10 locations, each of which would have a minimal aboveground permanent footprint with limited aboveground components. The collective permanent footprint at the 10 locations would be approximately 90 square feet. Therefore, a Class 3 CE is applicable. In addition, the primary purpose of the monitoring wells is to gather additional data on the hydrogeology, groundwater elevations and flow, and groundwater quality in critical areas of the Upper Santa Clara River Groundwater Basin. The proposed well sites are located in disturbed, urbanized areas, and construction and operation would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Therefore, a Class 6 CE is applicable. Furthermore, none of the exceptions outlined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the proposed project.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Mark Aumentado Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-714-0993

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: 1/03/25 Title: Engineer

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:

Figure 1 Project Location – Proposed Well Sites

