

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:	FROM: Western Municipal Water District (Western Water) (Public Agency)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	14205 Meridian Pkwy Riverside, CA 92518
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk County of:	Address 2724 Gateway Dr Riverside, CA 92507

1. Project Title:	W-327 Courtyard Demonstration Garden at March Field Air Museum
2. Project Applicant:	Western Municipal Water District
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):	At the courtyard located next to the March Air Museum building. Address of March Air Museum is 22550 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside, CA 92518. See attached project location map for reference.
4. (a) Project Location – City:	Riverside, CA
(b) Project Location – County:	Riverside County
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	<p>On May 24, 2022, the State Water Board approved emergency regulations prohibiting the watering of non-functional turf with potable (drinking) water at commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) sites.</p> <p>On October 3, 2022, in response to the State Board’s watering restriction, Western’s Board of Directors approved a pilot community partnership program within its CII customer support programs. Through this program, Western Water seeks to partner with CII customers in high-visibility, accessible locations to offer a cost-sharing opportunity to transform non-functional turn into examples of climate-appropriate landscapes within the community. Western Water aims to model leadership in the community, ensure compliance with the State Board’s nonfunctional turf requirement, and inspire others to adopt water-efficient, climate-appropriate landscapes. These visible examples of water-efficient landscapes throughout the community will seek to inspire residential and other commercial customers to replace their non-functional turf.</p> <p>MFAM regularly serves 60,000 members of the local community each year, making the Site a high-traffic area suitable for effective public demonstrations.</p> <p>With the above provisions, Western entered into partnership with the March Field Air Museum (MFAM) by executing a Landscape Demonstration Project Agreement with MFAM to construct a water-efficient landscape courtyard garden right next to the March Air Museum building.</p>
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Western 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:	Western Municipal Water District
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Title 14. California Code of Regulations Article 19. Categorical Exemptions Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land
(e)	<input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(f)	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
9.	Reason why project was exempt:	Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land This section allows construction of minor gardening and landscape projects.
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person:	Gull Nawaz
	Telephone:	(951) 571-7238
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: _____	

Signature: Gull Nawaz Date: 1-15-25 Title: Engineer II

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: _____

(Clerk Stamp Here)

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

PRELIMINARY EXEMPTION ASSESSMENT

(Certificate of Determination
When Attached to Notice of Exemption)

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3. Entity or person undertaking project:	A. Western 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:</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project is categorically exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption Class:	Title 14. California Code of Regulations Article 19. Categorical Exemptions Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land
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: 1-15-25

Staff: Gull Nawaz

LEGEND

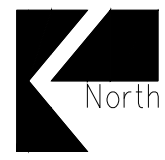
- PROPOSED
- 1 SENTINEL MONUMENTS
 - 2 FLAGPOLES
 - 3 US ARMY AIR CORPS PINWHEEL MONUMENT
 - 4 AMPHITHEATRE
 - 5 BUS DROP OFF / PICKUP ZONE
 - 6 ADA PARKING STALLS
 - 7 ADA PARKING SIGNAGE
 - 8 RAMP TO ADA PARKING
 - 9 0' CURB FACE
 - 10 MISSILE MONUMENT ISLAND
 - 11 PLANTING EXHIBIT
 - 12 SEATING
 - 13 AIRCRAFT DISPLAY ZONE
 - 14 SHADING SAILS
 - 15 SHADE TREE

- EXISTING
- 16 MUSEUM BUILDING
 - 17 MONUMENT
 - 18 FREESTANDING WALL
 - 19 CHAIN-LINK FENCE
 - 20 AIRCRAFT DISPLAY ZONE
 - 21 EXISTING PARKING LOT
- VIP 215 VAN BUREN BLVD MUSEUM IMPACTS
- 22 ROADWAY EASEMENT
 - 23 RECONSTRUCTION OF 8" WIDE SIDEWALK
 - 24 RECONSTRUCTION OF ENTRANCE
 - 25 INLET DRAINAGE
 - 26 STORM DRAIN

PARKING

NEW PARKING: 68 STALLS

- █ Phase I
 - █ Phase II
 - █ Phase III
- A = Planting Area




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MARCH FIELD AIR MUSEUM - CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN

CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CA

DECEMBER 17, 2020