

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: San Diego

From: (Public Agency): Vista Irrigation District

1391 Engineer Street

Vista, CA 92081

(Address)

Project Title: Lake Henshaw Resort – New Potable Water Well 3

Project Applicant: Vista Irrigation District

Project Location - Specific: Lake Henshaw Resort
26439 Highway 76
Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project is to drill a new potable well in fractured granitic bedrock to replace an existing nearby well that is part of the Lake Henshaw Resort public water system. The existing well is no longer in use due to exceedances of secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for iron and manganese. The new well will be drilled deeper to obtain sufficient supply water and meet Maximum Contaminant Levels.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Vista Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Vista Irrigation District, Water Resources Division

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); Class 1/Guidelines section 15301,
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); Class 2/Guidelines Section 15302,
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 3/Guidelines Section 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


The proposed project is exempt because it involves drilling a new groundwater well to replace a nearby well for a public water system to meet existing potable demands. None of the exceptions listed in section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the proposed project

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mark Saltz Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 597-3168

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:  Date: 1/29/2025 Title: Water Resources 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: _____