

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Los Angeles County
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Project Title: Geophysical Survey of Santa Clara River near I-5

Location -- Specific: Parcel numbers 2826037027, 2826007017, 2826037026, 2826006008, 2826005012, 2826037025, 2826007021, 2826005902, 2826006905, 2866007078, 2811064902, 2811064904, 2866007907, 2811083902, 2866007910, 2811069906, 2866007902

Location -- Counties: Los Angeles County

Description of Activity: Geophysical survey will be conducted on the Santa Clara River near I-5. The activity will involve hand crews laying out wire generally parallel with and adjacent to the river thalweg, as well as several cross-river channel locations. The geophysical lines will be placed on the ground surface, temporarily staked into the ground with short stakes. The elevation of the line will be surveyed. Once the measurements are completed, the stakes and lines will be removed. Line placement will follow the terrain and may be routed around obstacles as needed, such as trees and brush areas. No scour or erosion is anticipated beyond what naturally occurs during high flow events. Vegetation within the riparian area along the river channel will not be disturbed with the exception of possibly being temporarily tied back to minimize damage. No vegetation will be removed during the survey. Work will be completed outside of the Least Bells Vireo nesting season.

Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Lead Agency).

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 Information Collection
- Statutory Exemption.

Reasons why activity is exempt:

The project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for an exemption under Class 6 Information Collection because it consists of basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

None of the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the action.

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Lead Agency Contact Person: Rick Vasilopoulos **Telephone:** (661) 705-7912

Signature:  **Title:** Water Resources Planner **Date:** 05/05/25

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing by County Clerk:
