



ORANGE COUNTY  
CLERK-RECORDER  
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

30-03/27/2025-0184

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March 27, 2025

HUGH NGUYEN  
CLERK - RECORDER

By *[Signature]*  
Deputy clerk

Complete and attach this form to each CEQA Notice filed with the County Clerk-Recorder

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

CHIQUITA WRP FENCING IMPROVEMENTS

**Check Document being Filed:**

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ORANGE  
COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER ON 03/27/2025**

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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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BY:  DEPUTY

<p>TO:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>	<p>FROM: Name: Santa Margarita Water District (Public Agency) Address: 26111 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688</p> <p>Telephone: 949-459-6400</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk (Include County name) Address:</p>	

1. Project Title:	Chiquita WRP Fencing Improvements
2. Project Applicant:	Santa Margarita 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):	29960 Cow Camp Road, Mission Viejo, CA 92694 33.544, -117.607
4. (a) Project Location – City: Rancho Mission Viejo	(b) Project Location – County: Orange
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	This project will install/restore security fencing around the site perimeter and key interior facilities. The project fencing will be installed within property boundary.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Santa Margarita 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:	Santa Margarita Water District
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	State CEQA Guidelines 15050(c)(2)-(3)
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))

(e) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Covered under Class 1: Existing Facilities under the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
9. Reason why project was exempt:	The proposed project is located within the SMWD property line and is covered under Class 1: Existing Facilities under the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.

10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Daniel Peterson 949-303-6992
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "B") before filing.	
12. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was:	

Patricia A. Butler  
Signature

Date: 3/25/2025

Name: Patricia A. Butler, P.E.

Title: Chief Engineer

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

(Clerk Stamp Here)

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

**HUGH NGUYEN, CLERK-RECORDER**

BY: Hugh Nguyen DEPUTY

**CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION**

(If Notice of Exemption filed by Project Applicant, Project Applicant must Attach to Notice of Exemption)

1. Name or description of project:	Chiquita WRP Fencing Improvement	
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3. Entity or person undertaking project:	A. Santa Margarita 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 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Lead Agency's Local Guidelines for Implementing 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:	Covered under Class 1: Existing Facilities under the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
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: 3/25/2025

Staff: *Patricia A. Butler*  
Patricia A. Butler P.E., Chief Engineer

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BY: *[Signature]* DEPUTY



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

Print

Approval

Save

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 30-03/27/2025-0184  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 03/27/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING ORANGE COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 202585000240	

PROJECT TITLE  
 CHIQUITA WRP FENCING IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (949) 459-6400
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 26111 ANTONIO PARKWAY	CITY RANCHO SANTA MARGARTIA CA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92688

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)  
 Local Public Agency   
 School District   
 Other Special District   
 State Agency   
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,123.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,968.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,401.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Exempt from fee
  - Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash     Credit     Check     Other    TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00

SIGNATURE  X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Sarah Luna Deputy Clerk
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