

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260
P.O. Box 121750
San Diego, CA 92112-1750

From: Vista Irrigation District
1391 Engineer Street
Vista, CA 92081-8836

Project Title: Pechstein & Pechstein II Reservoir Planning & Design

Project Location - Specific: Data collection boring sites are located within District property boundary located just north of Buena Creek Rd. between Hollyberry Dr. and Blue Bird Canyon Rd. in unincorporated Vista, CA.

Project Location - City: Vista **Project Location - County:** San Diego

Description of Project: The Vista Irrigation District is conducting a planning study to determine potential locations for additional reservoir storage. Geotechnical data collection and research, including up to 15 borings, are necessary to quantify constructability risks and construction costs as part of potential reservoir locations within the property. This planning study and data gathering will support project design work after the planning study is completed. These data-gathering borings are the specific project that is the subject of this CEQA Categorical Exemption.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Vista Irrigation District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, CA 92081-8836

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Vista Irrigation District

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);
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 6, Section 15306. Information Collection
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is exempt from CEQA based on its conformity with Article 19, Class 6, Section 15306 of the CEQA Statute and Guidelines and because there is no reasonable possibility of a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, no significant cumulative impacts from projects of the same type and the project will not have impacts on a uniquely sensitive environment. This project consists of basic data collection and research for information gathering and is part of a study and design leading to a potential action, which the Vista Irrigation District has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project activities will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.


Lead Agency Contact Person: Greg Keppler **Telephone/Extension:** (760) 597-3136

The General Manager Director of Engineering Board of Directors approved the above described project on, May 1, 2025 and found that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended.

If filed by applicant: N/A

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Submission of this form is optional. Local agencies may file this form with the County Clerk pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). The filing of the notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project under Public Resources Code Section 21167(d). Failure to file the notice results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

Signature:  Date: 5/2/25 Title: Director of Engineering