

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: State Clearing House
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From: City of Coachella
53462 Enterprise Way
Coachella, California 92236

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Project Title:

Mesquite Mutual Water System Consolidation and Mesquite Septic to Sewer Conversion Project

Project Location:

The project alignment is within the existing street right-of-way in 50th Avenue and Jackson Street in the City of Coachella and unincorporated area of Riverside County, and utility easements within the Mesquite Community. The project occupies a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 7 East, San Bernardino Base and Meridian.

Description of Project:

The project is situated within the City of Coachella Sphere of Influence (SOI), Coachella Water Authority (CWA) service area, and Coachella Sanitary District (CSD) service area, all of which have their respective boundaries and governed by the same 5 member Council/Board.

The Coachella Water Authority (CWA) proposes to install approximately 1,643-feet of 8-inch domestic water main, 3,095-feet of 12-inch domestic water main and 16 service connections to residential homes. The purpose of the project is to consolidate the privately-owned Mesquite Mutual Water Company (MMWC) system to CWA's water system. The MMWC system currently exceeds the state of California's chromium-6 drinking water standard of 10 parts per billion. Consolidation of this system will assure that the area is in compliance with the chromium-6 contaminant level by the state's year 2020 deadline.

The Coachella Sanitary District proposes to install approximately 2,359-feet of gravity 8-inch wastewater main and 16 service connections to residential homes. The construction date of much of the existing infrastructure (Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems) currently in use is unknown, there are but a few records indicating some systems were constructed in the year 1999 but the majority of the systems are undocumented. Without proper documentation it is unclear if the systems were properly designed and or constructed increasing the potential of failure due to age, misuse or improper design which may result in surfacing effluent, wastewater being discharged to the ground surface.



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Public Agency Approving Project:

City of Coachella
Coachella Water Authority
Coachella Sanitary District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

City of Coachella
Coachella Water Authority
Coachella Sanitary District

Exempt Status:

State CEQA Guidelines §15282

Reasons why project is exempt:

Statutory exemption §15282 allows for new installation and repair of existing pipeline less than one-mile in length.

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Signed by Lead Agency

Date

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