

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

(Categorical)

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FROM: State Water Resources Control Board  
Santa Barbara District Office  
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**SCH#:**

**WATER SYSTEM #:** 4210005

**PROJECT TITLE:** Operation of San Vicente Water Company (SVWC) – San Vicente Reservoir Replacement Project (Project)

**LEAD AGENCY:** State Water Resources Control Board

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jeff Densmore

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**PROJECT LOCATION:** 340 Old Mill Rd, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The SVWC proposes to demolish two 175,000 gallon partially buried rubber bladder reservoirs and construct two new partially buried concrete tanks (each 81,600 gallons) in the same footprint with minimal excavation. The reservoirs to be demolished are deteriorating in condition and badly in need of replacement. The existing rubber bladder reservoirs will be removed and disposed of as non-hazardous waste at the local landfill. The project will remediate a potential drinking water health threat to residents.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and will issue a drinking water supply permit for the operation of the above described Project. A record of permit issuance for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water District Office noted above.

**Categorical Exemption Status:**

- Class 1 Existing Facilities  
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301)
- Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction  
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15302)
- Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures  
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15303)
- Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land  
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15304)
- Class 6 Information Collection  
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15306)

**Reason why Project is exempt:** The Project involves the replacement of existing reservoirs in the same location with minimal excavation; as such, it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to a Class 2 replacement exemption.

Signature: 

Date: AUGUST 14, 2019  
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Name: Jeff Densmore

Title: District Engineer **AUG 15 2019**