

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**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

**To:** County Clerk and Recorder  
Ventura County  
800 S. Victoria Ave, Location #1260  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Project Title:** Well Q2 Perchlorate Removal Facility

**Location -- Specific:** SCV Water's Well Q-2 is located on the north side of the Santa Clara River, just West of Bouquet Canyon Road at 26477 Bouquet Canyon Rd., Saugus, CA.

**Location -- Counties:** Los Angeles County

### **Description of Activity:**

The activity re-installs a perchlorate removal facility very similar to that which existed at this wellsite between 2005 and 2007. This earlier system consisted of two USFilter HP1220HF ion exchange pressure vessels operating in a lead/lag configuration and a bag filter for pre-filtration. The vessels were 12 feet in diameter, approximately 17 feet in height and each contained a selective resin designed for perchlorate removal. In 2007 the perchlorate removal facility was relocated from the wellsite to the adjacent Saugus Perchlorate Treatment Facility (SPTF) because the groundwater no longer required treatment. Subsequently, in 2016, the treatment system was relocated to a different wellsite requiring treatment (Well V201).

In May 2019 Well Q2 was taken offline because groundwater produced from the well contained perchlorate at a concentration of 6.2 ug/L. Subsequent sampling has confirmed perchlorate levels above the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 6.0 ug/L.

This project involves re-constructing a perchlorate removal facility to remove perchlorate from Well Q2 at the location described above. SCV Water is moving forward to re-install Perchlorate Treatment for well Q-2 so that the well can be returned to service. This will consist of 1) ordering two new vessels (HP1220HF Ion Exchange Vessels or similar), 2) installing the vessels at the previous location of the Q-2 vessels (the SPTF), and 3) installing some minor piping at the Q-2 wellhead to connect the well to the vessels.

**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.** State type and section number: See CEQA Guidelines Section

15301.

- Statutory Exemption.** State code number: See CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)3.

**Reasons why activity is exempt:**

This proposed action qualifies for an exemption under Class 1 Existing Facilities because it is a minor alteration of an existing public facility and it concerns proposed new mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use, i.e. no additional extraction of water, beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

This proposed action also qualifies for an exemption under Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures because the project construction is limited to construction within the existing footprint of the fenced facility.

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

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Rick Viergutz

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**Signature:** Matthew [Signature] **Title:** GENERAL MANAGER **Date:** 10/2/19

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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