

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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WATER SYSTEM #: 3010101

PROJECT TITLE: Santa Margarita Water District (District) – Upgrading Estado Z4 and Talega Z1 Reservoirs with PAX Mixers and Chloramine Injection Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Estado Z4 Reservoir is located at 31993 Violeta, Coto de Caza, CA-an unincorporated area within Orange County. Talega Z1 Reservoir is located at 1 Via Belleza, San Clemente, CA 92672 in Orange County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), as the responsible agency, has issued a water supply permit. The District proposed Project provides upgrades to the existing reservoirs (Estado Z4 Reservoir and Talega Z1 Reservoir) to improve water quality, including these additional facilities:

- A PAX water mixer to each reservoir to improve water circulation within each reservoir
- Chloramine facility for each reservoir to improve water quality control
- New chemical piping connections to each reservoir.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has issued a drinking water supply permit **05-08-19PA-009** for the above described Project on **November 12, 2019**. 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)

Statutory Exemption Status:

- Feasibility and Planning Studies
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15262)
- Emergency Project
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15269)
- Right of way pipelines of less than one mile


(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15282 (k))

Reason why Project is exempt: The Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CCR, Title 14, Section 15301(f), Class 1 exemption for minor alteration of existing public facilities, involving no expansion of use, and addition of health protection devices for use in conjunction with existing facilities. The Project is also exempt pursuant to Section 15303(d), Class 3 exemption for construction of limited numbers of new, small structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure within a water utility.

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