

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Statutory)

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**SCH#: 2020030176**

**WATER SYSTEM #: 3601097**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Operation of... Valley Wells Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA) Director's Order

**PROJECT LOCATION:** In the vicinity of San Bernardino County (SBD)- Interstate 15 (1-15)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), as the responsible agency, will be issuing a water supply permit. The **Caltrans - Valley Wells SRRA** proposed project included the replacement of an existing portable water system at the Valley Wells Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA) located on Interstate 15 (1-15) at PM 161.1, between Baker and the California/Nevada state line. This project is key to the traveling public, both for commercial and recreational purposes from and to California.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** This is to advise that the State Water Board has issued a water supply permit 05-13-20PA-003 for the above described project on April 10, 2020, and concurs with **Caltrans - Valley Wells SRRA** that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. 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.

## Statutory Exemption Status:

- Feasibility and Planning Studies (CCR, Title 14, Sec 15262)
- Declared emergency (CCR, Title 14, Sec 15269 (a))
- Emergency repairs (CCR, Title 14, Sec 15269 (b))
- Emergency prevention/mitigation (CCR, Title 14, Sec 15269 (c))
- Right of way pipelines of less than one mile (CCR, Title 14, Sec 15282 (k))
- Water fluoridation facilities (CCR, Title 14, Sec 15282 (m))

## Reason why project is exempt:

The following emergency projects are exempt from the requirements of CEQA

Emergency Projects 15269(b):

Emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare. Emergency repairs include those that require a reasonable amount of planning to address an anticipated emergency.

The State Water Board is a responsible agency for this project and is not responsible for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife filing fees.

**LEAD AGENCY:** California Department of Transportation  
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