

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: South Coast Water District
31592 West Street
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

County Clerk
County of: Orange
12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 101
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Project Title: Via California Water Main Replacement Project

Project Applicant: South Coast Water District

Project Location - Specific:
Via California bridge over Interstate 5 in City of Dana Point, California

Project Location - City: Dana Point Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project includes restoration of a segment of water main that was determined to be leaking in December 2019, and that is one of two conveyances of potable water to a portion of South Coast Water District's service area. The project involves replacement of 440 linear feet (lf) of 10-inch-diameter asbestos-cement (AC) pipe enclosed in a 16-inch-diameter steel casing running within the bridge over Interstate 5 at Via California. The existing AC pipe would be replaced with 10-inch-diameter polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe and installed within the existing steel casing. The replacement PVC water line would have the same capacity and connection points as the removed AC water line. The project-related actions would occur adjacent to and immediately beyond each end of the Via California overpass, using jack and bore construction methods.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: South Coast Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: South Coast Water District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 Section 15301 (Existing Facilities)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is limited to the minor alterations and rehabilitation of an existing structure and is categorically exempt under Section 15301, Class 1 (b) which includes existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities... (d) which allows restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures to meet current standards of public health and safety.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Rick Shintaku Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (949) 499-4555

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 3/25/2020 Title: General Manager

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 2103 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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RE: Notice of Exemption – South Coast Water District

Wayne Rayfield  
*Director*

Enclosed please find a Notice of Exemption for the South Coast Water District Via California Water Main Replacement Project.

Sincerely,

Jody Brennan  
Executive Assistant to the General Manager

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