

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk/Assessor/Recorder  
Attn: Fish & Wildlife Notices  
1600 Pacific Highway, MS A-33  
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works  
Environmental Services Unit  
**Attn: Jeff Kashak**  
5510 Overland Ave, Suite 410, MS O-332  
San Diego, CA 92123

**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: EAST COUNTY ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION WASTEWATER SERVICE AGREEMENT (DISTRICT: 2)

Project Location: Eastern San Diego County, CA

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works  
5500 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The proposed action includes execution of the ECAWP Wastewater Service Agreement between the ECAWP JPA, City of El Cajon, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, and the San Diego County Sanitation District. The agreement establishes the general provisions, wastewater services, flow commitment and capacity, wastewater service charges, effective period, project commitments and off-ramps, dispute resolution, insurance, and miscellaneous provisions between the participating agencies.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: William Morgan Telephone: (858) 694-3087

Date Form Completed: May 20, 2020

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Directors, San Diego County Sanitation District (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on 5/20/20 (SA01) (Meeting Date /Item #) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

**Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)**

- Categorical Exemption:** Sec. G
- Declared Emergency:** Sec. C 21080(b)(3); Sec. G 15269(a)
- Emergency Project:** Sec. C 21080(b)(4); Sec. G 15269(b)(c)
- General:** Sec. C.
- Ministerial:** Sec. C 21080(b)(1); G 15268
- Preliminary Review:** Sec. G 15060 (c)(3) - Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G 15378

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines provides that activities identified in Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines are not subject to CEQA review. Section 15378 provides that administrative activities of governments that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment are exempt from CEQA review. The proposed activity is an organizational or administrative action that does not commit the San Diego County Sanitation District to a project that has or may have a reasonably foreseeable impact on the environment and is not a project as defined by Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, the proposed action includes execution of a Wastewater Service Agreement among San Diego County Sanitation District, the City of El Cajon, the Padre Dam Municipal Water District, and the East County Advance Water Purification Joint Powers Authority. The agreement establishes the general provisions, wastewater services, flow commitment and capacity, wastewater service charges, effective period, project commitments and off-ramps, dispute resolution, insurance, and miscellaneous provisions between the participating agencies. Any future projects that may develop as a result of this agreement would require CEQA compliance prior to implementation. Accordingly, the proposed action is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The following is to be completed only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: (858) 694-3914

Name (Print): Jeff Kashak Title: Environmental Planning Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.