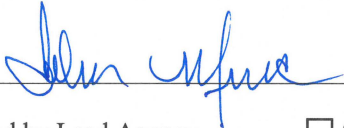


## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research  P. O. Box 3044, Room 113  Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk  County of San Bernardino  222 W. Hospitality Lane  San Bernardino, CA 92415</p>	<p>FROM: East Valley Water District  (Lead 31111 Greenspot Road  Agency) Highland, CA 92346</p>
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1.	Project Title:	North Fork
2.	Project Applicant:	East Valley Water District (EVWD or District)
3.	Project Location:	See Attached Map
4.	(a) Project Location – City:	Highland
	(b) Project Location – County:	San Bernardino
5.	Description of the Project:	<p>EVWD owns over 95% of the North Fork Water Company (NFWC) shares and is acquiring the remaining shares to consolidate local water resources and to improve the efficiency and reliability of water service within the region. The capability to deliver NFWC water to EVWD's surface water treatment plant will be maintained. For NFWC shareholders that would like to continue receiving water for irrigation, connections will be provided to EVWD's drinking water distribution system. Some of the existing flow control structures of the NFWC system may no longer be needed. These structures will likely be removed as a matter of good asset management practices. No expansion of capacity of EVWD's service system is required. The project merely consolidates water delivery in EVWD's service area and provides a more reliable, sustainable and efficient source of water.</p>
6.	Name of Public Agency approving project:	East Valley Water District
7.	Name of Agency undertaking the project:	East Valley Water District
8.	Exempt status: (check one)	
	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	
	(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
	(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	
	(d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Class 1 – Existing Facilities (§15301)
	(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	
	(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption.	

State Code section number:	
(g) <input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Explanation:
9. Reason why project was exempt:	The Project involves the purchase of remaining shares in a private water company in order to take over delivery and conveyance of water to customers already in their service area. No expansion of water service or water use is needed to make this purchase of the shares from the few remaining NFWC shareholders. No expansion of capacity or of facilities is needed to make this change on EVWD's part. The project merely consolidates water delivery in EVWD's service area and provides a more reliable, sustainable and efficient source of water. Because there are existing water distribution facilities already in place to serve the NFWC customers should they require irrigation water after the purchase of their shares, and this service can be provided without any modifications to capacity, this Project can be considered Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301.
10. Lead Agency Contact Person:	Jeff Noelte, East Valley Water District
Telephone:	909-888-8986

Signature:  Date: 9/16/2020 Title: General Mgr / CEO

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

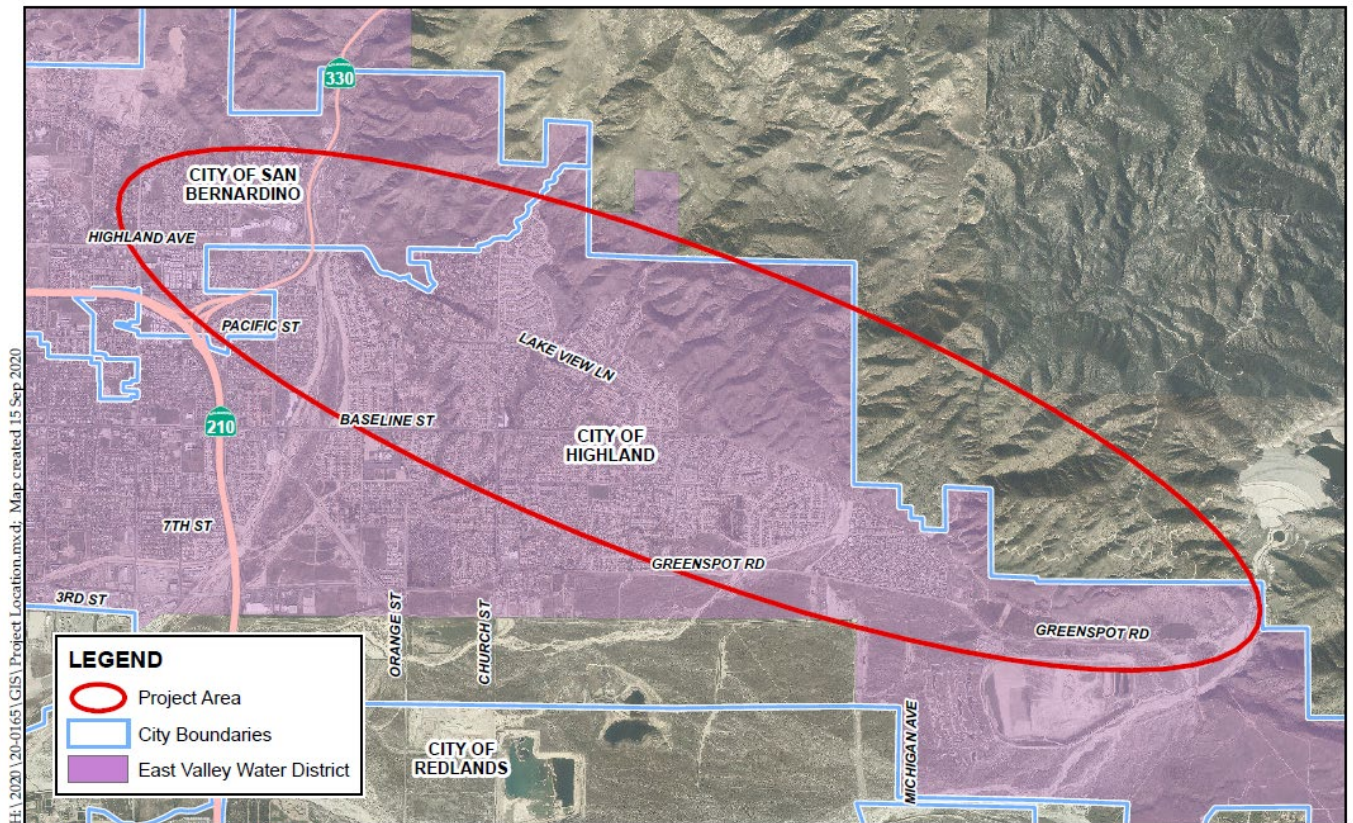
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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.



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Sources: EMWD, 2020; San Bernardino Co. GIS, 2020.



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**Project Location**  
North Fork Consolidation

