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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Ventura
800 S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA 93009

From: (Public Agency): Ventura River Water District
409 Old Baldwin Rd.
Ojai, CA 93023
(Address)

Project Title: Emergency Battery Energy Storage System - Baldwin Pump Station

Project Applicant: Ventura River Water District

Project Location - Specific:
409 Old Baldwin Rd. Ojai, CA 93023

Project Location - City: None Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Installation of Tesla Powerpack batteries and inverter to provide emergency backup power for water works, reducing usage of a large diesel engine generator and improving water service reliability for customers.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Ventura River Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Bert Rapp

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));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The battery energy system will help mitigate potential water service interruptions to customers during PSPS events and emergency power outages. The footprint of the system is approximately 200 SF, located adjacent to the existing electrical system at the pump station. Installation and operation of the battery energy system would not result in significant impacts to any environmental resources or sensitive receptors, and would in fact reduce noise impacts and air pollution emissions during power outages.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Bert Rapp Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805-340-7263

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: Bert Rapp Date: 9-25-2020 Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research
OCT 05 2020
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT
409 OLD BALDWIN RD, OJAI CA 93023
805-646-3403

RESOLUTION # 2020 - 326

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INSTALLATION OF BACKUP BATTERIES AT
BALDWIN PUMP STATION EXEMPT FROM CEQA

Whereas, the Ventura River Water District intends to install backup batteries at the Baldwin Pump Station Site located at 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, CA; and

Whereas, the battery energy system will help mitigate potential water service interruptions to customers during Public Safety Power Shutoff events and emergency power outages. The footprint of the system is approximately 200 SF, located adjacent to the existing electrical system at the pump station. Installation and operation of the battery energy system would not result in significant impacts to any environmental resources or sensitive receptors, and would in fact reduce noise impacts and air pollution emissions during power outages from the large diesel engine generator; and

Whereas, a Notice of Exemption was prepared for the project with an exempt status as an Emergency Project per Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c) of the California Code of Regulations because the project prepares for future emergencies, will reduce existing environmental impacts, will not result in any significant impacts to any environmental resources or sensitive receptors; and,

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors of Ventura River Water District find that the project has an exempt status.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of September 2020.

AYES:

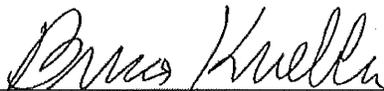
NOES:

ABSENT:



Ed Lee - President

Attest:



Bruce Kuebler, Vice-President

