

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
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Project Title: L-4 Pump Station Relocation Project – Phase II

Project Location: The existing pump station is located south of Avenue 52 and west of Jefferson Street on the Coachella Canal within in the city of La Quinta, Riverside County. The project involves relocating the pump station approximately 100-yards upstream on the Coachella Canal.

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) will relocate the existing L-4 pump station at the Coachella Canal approximately 100-yards upstream on the Coachella Canal, at the existing site where portions of the Phase I features are now located. Phase I of the L-4 Pump Station Relocation Project included constructing the wet well structures within the Coachella Canal at the relocated project site. The existing L-4 pump station was originally constructed in the 1950's and the infrastructure has fulfilled its useful service life.

The purpose of this project is to replace an aged pump station at the Coachella Canal to improve capacity, and water delivery efficiency to meet increased customer water demands. The existing pump station consists of a secured outdoor pumping facility with six vertical turbine type pumps in a wet well intake. The project would remove two (2) 50 horsepower (HP) pumps, one (1) 75 HP pump, one (1) 100 HP pump, motors, electrical panel and telemetry. The new pump station will consist of the procurement and construction of three (3) 100 HP pumps and three (3) 150 HP pumps, new control panel, new variable frequency drive, new electrical service, and new telemetry. The project will complete all necessary components to commission the pump station, including installation of the pumps, a surge tank, electrical service facilities within one small building, instrumentation and controls, above and below ground pipeline work, and decommissioning and demolition of the existing L-4 Pump Station. Also included as part of this project are meter improvements to existing facilities at the La Quinta Civic Center Park, Outdoor Resorts, Motorcoach Country Club, and La Quinta Resort Mountain Course. Irrigation water deliveries would not be disrupted during construction.

Construction is anticipated for a duration of up to nine-months. The project site is not located with or immediately adjacent to a conservation area associated with the Coachella Valley Multiples Species Habitat Conservation Plan. The project is not subject to the Coachella Valley Association of Governments Local Development Mitigation Fee because the project location is an existing developed parcel. The cultural resources report prepared for the project concluded that no prehistoric or historical archaeological resources were identified within the project area of potential effect (APE) and there are no significant adverse effects to a historical resource. In addition, the historical research

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has indicated that the soils in the project APE are highly disturbed due to initial construction and periodic upgrades of existing irrigation system and the various roadways established during the mid-to-late twentieth century. Therefore, the potential to encounter subsurface archaeological deposits is low and no further cultural assessment is required.

Name of Lead Agency Approving Project: CVWD; Brian Korcok, Engineer

Exempt Status:

- ☐ **Not a project:** State CEQA Guidelines §15378
- ☐ **Review for Exemption/Common Sense Exemption:** State CEQA Guideline §15061(b)(3)
- ☐ **Ministerial:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guideline §15268)
- ☐ **Declared Emergency:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guideline §15269(a))
- ☐ **Emergency Project:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guideline §15269(b)(c))
- ☐ **Statutory Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines §
- ☒ **Categorically Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines §15301, 15303

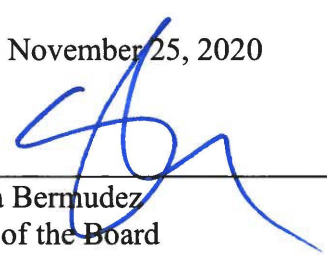
Reasons why project is exempt:

State CEQA Guidelines §15301 (Existing Facilities) allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The project will provide minor alterations and improvements to the existing Coachella Canal, and does not include a significant expansion of use or capacity of the Coachella Canal.

Additionally, this project is exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines §15303 (New Construction Or Conversion Of Small Structures) which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The project involves the construction and relocation of limited infrastructure to the Coachella Canal.

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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