

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County of: Riverside  
2724 Gateway Drive  
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From: (Public Agency): Yucaipa Valley Water District  
12770 Second Street  
Yucaipa, CA 92399  
(Address)

Project Title: Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project

Project Applicant: Yucaipa Valley Water District

Project Location - Specific: West of I-10, south of the Singleton Rd and Roberts Rd intersection in Calimesa, CA

Project Location - City: Calimesa Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Yucaipa Valley Water District (YVWD) proposes to construct an Aquifer Storage and Recovery Facility located west of Interstate 10 in the City of Calimesa as one project in two phases. Phase 1 proposes to install one test injection well (IW-1) and one monitoring well (MW-1) for the purpose of acquiring objective aquifer data and to determine site-specific groundwater level effects from proposed future recycled water injection. The data collected during pumping and injection tests will be used to refine current groundwater model parameters and to determine baseline basin groundwater quality in the zones where future injection wells are planned to be constructed. The monitoring well will be placed at a targeted location to better refine estimates of aquifer characteristics, mounding effects, and travel times. Results from this study will be used to select the optimal placement of the remaining four proposed injection wells that will be constructing in this phase (Phase 1). Phase 2 proposes to install two recovery wells. This system includes the injection of approximately 2,500 AFY of fully treated (reverse osmosis) recycled water to provide additional drinking water supplies and to meet peak recycled water demands by reversing the flow of water from the injection wells. Implementation of this Phase 2 will also provide purified recycled water recharge to Yucaipa Subbasin and recovery facilities, thus decreasing dependence on imported water deliveries. The ASR wells will be constructed in an approved Specific Plan area with a certified EIR. This CE covers the installation and operation of the wells.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Yucaipa Valley Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Yucaipa Valley 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));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 3(d), Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project involves the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. The Project involves constructing injection, monitoring, and recovery wells to provide additional drinking water, meet recycled water demands, and decrease dependence on imported water deliveries. The wells would be constructed within a Specific Plan area that will be graded in accordance with a separate EIR.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jennifer Ares Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (909) 790-3301

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: 08.02.2022 Title: Water Resource Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

## RESOLUTION NO. 2022-47

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT APPROVING THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Yucaipa Valley Water District (the "District") is a public agency of the State of California organized and existing pursuant to the provisions of the County Water District Law of this State (Section 30000, et seq. of the Water Code); and

WHEREAS, the District is responsible for the construction and maintenance of water, recycled water and wastewater facilities within the District's service area; and

WHEREAS, the District is utilizing recycled water to recharge local groundwater basins to increase local water supply reliability.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Yucaipa Valley Water District hereby RESOLVE, DETERMINE, and ORDER as follows:

1. The Board of Directors hereby finds that approval of the Project is not subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code §21000 et seq. and the State CEQA Guidelines, California. Article 5, 15062 Notice of Exemption.
2. The construction of the recycled water reservoirs is classified under Class 3(d), Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.
3. The Board of Directors hereby directs District staff to file a Notice of Exemption for the project within five working days of approval of the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project
3. The Board of Directors hereby approves the construction of the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project and directs the General Manager to file the Notice of Exemption with the County of Riverside and the Office of Planning and Research.

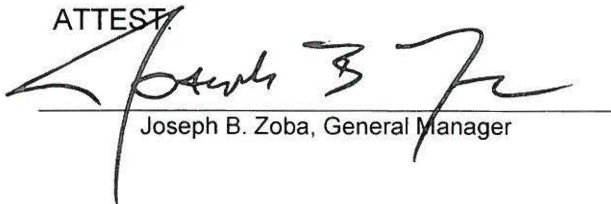
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2022.

YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



Chris Mann, President Board of Directors

ATTEST



Joseph B. Zoba, General Manager