

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: San Bernardino
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: (Public Agency): Yucaipa Valley Water District
12770 Second Street
Yucaipa, CA 92399
(Address)

Project Title: SCADA Upgrades at YVRWFF

Project Applicant: Yucaipa Valley Water District

Project Location - Specific: 35477 Oak Glen Road

Project Location - City: Yucaipa

Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Yucaipa Valley Water District proposes a software upgrade for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems at Yucaipa Valley Regional Water Filtration Facility (YVRWFF) to improve cybersecurity and system networks. The SCADA system provides the ability to remotely monitor and manage water system facilities such as reservoirs, pumps, and other elements of the water distribution system. There would be no ground-disturbing activities associated with the software upgrade.

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));
- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1(b), §15301 Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Per California Code Class 1(b), §15301 Existing Facilities, the Project involves the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of an existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features (i.e., medians, traffic signals, road restriping) involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. This Project is an upgrade of a computer system at the YVRWFF used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jennifer Ares **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (909) 797-3301

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: 08.17.2022 Title: Water Resource Manager

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-57

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT APPROVING THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION AT YUCAIPA VALLEY REGIONAL WATER FILTRATION FACILITY

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, maintenance and monitoring of water, recycled water and wastewater facilities within the District's service area; and

WHEREAS, the District is upgrading the computer system software used to monitor the equipment at the drinking water plant in order to improve cybersecurity and system networks to ensure safe and reliable monitoring of the community's water supply; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the District to provide secure, efficient, and resilient control systems for day-to-day operations in order to provide environmentally sound, reliable and safe water, wastewater collection systems, recycled water distribution systems, and water purification systems.

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 installation of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition at the Yucaipa Valley Regional Water Filtration Facility is classified under Class 1(b), §15301 Existing Facilities.
3. The Board of Directors hereby approves the installation of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition upgrade and directs the General Manager to file the Notice of Exemption with San Bernardino County and the Office of Planning and Research.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 16th day of August 2022.

YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT


Chris Mann, President Board of Directors

ATTEST:


Joseph B. Zoba, General Manager