## **Notice of Exemption**

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	From: (Public Agency): South Coast Water District 31592 West Street
County Clerk	Laguna Beach, California, 92651
County of: Orange	(Address)
601 N. Ross Street	-
Santa Ana, California 92701	
- Joint Pagional Wa	tor Supply System Warehouse at Bradt Beganisir
	ter Supply System Warehouse at Bradt Reservoir
Project Applicant: South Coast V	Vater District
Project Location - Specific:	
851 Calle Agua, San Clemento	e. California. 92673
Project Location - City: San Clem	ente Project Location - County: Orange County
Description of Nature, Purpose and Be	neficiaries of Project:
the city of San Clemente. The building would be pla placing a prefabricated metal building on-site on a s	cot warehouse adjacent to the Joint Regional Water Supply System Bradt Reservoir Site within ced adjacent to the reservoir on a paved site on disturbed fill soils. Construction would include mall foundation and then doing electrical work inside. Footing excavations for the building would vement. Construction activities, including the Import and export of materials, would be complete nt A for further details.
Name of Public Agency Approving Pro	ject: South Coast Water District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying O	ut Project: South Coast Water District
Exempt Status: (check one):	
☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1);	15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21	080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 2108	
	type and section number: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, Section 16303 of CEQA Guidelines
-,	ode number:
Reasons why project is exempt:	
categorical exemption, New Construction or C "Class 3" exemptions consist of construction a  small new equipment and facilities in small st	re-foot warehouse qualifies as a "Class 3" categorical exemption. "Class 3" Conversion of Small Structures, is outlined in Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines. and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities, or structures; installation of ructures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another - the exterior of the structure." Please refer to the Attachment A for further details.
Lead Agency Contact Person: Marc Serna	Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 949-499-4555 EXT: 3179
If filed by applicant:  1. Attach certified document of execution of Examplian bases  Signature:	emption finding. In filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No  Date: National Color of the Col
<ul> <li>Signed by Lead Agency</li> </ul>	Signed by Applicant
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Pub Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.	1, Public Resources Code.
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Attachment A

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1 Project Overview

The South Coast Water District (District) is proposing to construct a 1,925 square-foot warehouse at the southwest corner of the Joint Regional Water Supply System Bradt Reservoir site in San Clemente. The reservoir was constructed during 1961 and 1962. The warehouse would not affect the integrity of the earthen dam reservoir. The building would be located adjacent to the reservoir on a paved site on disturbed fill soils in the southwest corner of the site. Construction would include placing a prefabricated metal building approximately 20 feet tall on a small foundation and then completing electrical and ventilation work inside the building. Footing excavations for the building would be to a depth of approximately three feet below the existing pavement. Construction activities, including the import and export of materials, would be completed within about 90 days or less. The warehouse would be served by existing, on-site utilities extended to the building.

The topography of the site slopes significantly to the south. The land uses surrounding the site include disturbed vegetation to the north and south, residential developments and domesticated animal grazing to the west, and disturbed vegetation and residential developments to the east. Additionally, the District would conduct a nesting bird survey as part of their normal procedures prior to the commencement of construction activities.

## 2 Categorical Exemption Review

Section 15300 of the CEQA Guidelines provides a list of classes of project that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and that are exempt from the provisions of CEQA. There are several classes of projects that the state has determined would not have a significant effect on the environment, and, therefore, are declared to be categorically exempt from the requirement for the preparation of further environmental review.

The proposed construction of the 1,925 square-foot warehouse qualifies as a "Class 3" categorical exemption, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, as outlined in Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines: "Class 3" exemptions consist of 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 proposed action would construct a single, small accessory structure on an existing reservoir site.

## 3 Conclusion

The proposed action qualifies as a Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, categorical exemption as outlined in Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Hugh Nguyen Orange County Clerk-Recorder 601 N. Ross Street Santa Ana, CA 92701

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