

## **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**To:** Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk  
Los Angeles County  
12400 Imperial Highway  
Norwalk, CA 90650

**From:** Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency  
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

**To:** County Clerk and Recorder  
Ventura County  
800 S. Victoria Ave, Location #1260  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Project Title: T7, U4 and U6 Wells PFAS Treatment, Saugus 1 and Saugus 2 Wells VOC Treatment and New Disinfection Facility Improvements Project**

**Location – Specific:** The Rio Vista Intake Pump Station (RVIPS) is located at 25401 Bouquet Canyon Road in Santa Clarita, California.

**Location -- Counties:** Los Angeles County

**Description of Activity:**

The proposed improvements include the following:

1. A new PFAS groundwater treatment system to treat raw water from the existing T7, U4 and U6 Wells that will consist of 2 trains of Ion Exchange Vessels (4 vessels total) to be approximately 16 feet in height and 12 feet in diameter, two pre-filter assemblies, above and below-ground raw and treated water piping, drainage, electrical and well pump upgrades.
2. A New VOC groundwater treatment system to treat raw water from the existing Saugus 1 and Saugus 2 Wells that will consist of 2 trains of Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Vessels (4 vessels total) to be approximately 16 feet in height and 12 feet in diameter, above and below-ground raw and treated water piping, drainage, electrical and well pump upgrades. The scope of work will also include the replacement of a flexible expansion joint within a portion of the well water transmission line on Bouquet Canyon Road, approximately 200 feet south of the RVIPS property.
3. A new disinfection system building(s), including a liquid ammonium sulfate feed system and an on-site sodium hypochlorite generation system, to treat raw water from the existing T7, U4, U6, Q2, Saugus 1 and Saugus 2 wells. The existing chemical storage structures are to be removed once the new disinfection buildings are constructed.

All proposed improvements are to be located on existing Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency property at the Rio Vista Intake Pump Station.

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Disinfection Facility Improvements Project

**Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying Out Activity:** Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Lead Agency).

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** See CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
- Statutory Exemption.

**Reasons why activity is exempt:**

Based on the preliminary project design and anticipated final design, and because the project construction is a minor alteration of existing facilities limited to construction within the Agency's existing property, construction and operation of this project is found to be categorically exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines as described below:

- The Project, aka the whole of the action, qualifies for an exemption under CEQA guidelines section 15301 Class 1 Existing Facilities because it is a minor alteration of an existing public facility and it concerns proposed new mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use, i.e., no additional extraction of water, beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.
- None of the exemptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the action.

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**Signature:** *Rick Vasilopoulos*    **Title:** WR Planner    **Date:** 6/24/2021

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing by County Clerk:

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