

Public Notice
Notice of Exemption



To: Merced County
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From: Santa Clara Valley Water District
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Project Title: Pacheco Pumping Plant Electrical Small Caps Project

Project Location—Specific: The project site is located at the Pacheco Pumping Plant near San Luis Reservoir in Merced County.

Project Location-City: Unincorporated Merced County

Project Location-County: Merced

Project Purpose: The purpose of the project is to improve safety and operability of existing electrical structures at the Pacheco Pumping Plant.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Clara Valley Water District

Name of Agency or Person Carrying Out Project: Santa Clara Valley Water District

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

- ☐ Ministerial [§ 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- ☐ Declared Emergency [§ 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- ☐ Emergency Project [§ 21080(b)(c); 15269(b)(c)];
- ☒ Categorical Exemptions [Sec. 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities and Sec. 15304, Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land]
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions [n/a].

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §15301 and §15304:

"Class 1 consists of 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 existing or former use."

"Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes."

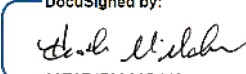
None of the conditions noted under the CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 will occur.

Description of Project: The proposed project consists of the replacement and maintenance of existing electrical systems at the Pacheco Pumping Plant. Proposed project activities include installation of fused disconnects with current limiting fuse, replacement of the existing Hydraulic Valve Operating System (HVOS) Motor Control Center (MCC), and attachment of motor relays on existing structures. The purpose of this project is to improve safety and operability of the existing electrical structures. Installation of fused disconnects would include construction of a new concrete pad to mount the disconnect on the existing transformers. The motor protection relays would be installed to provide additional protection for the existing motors. New enclosures and junction boxes would be installed in the pump gallery.

Equipment anticipated to be used includes standard construction equipment, a small backhoe, and a small concrete mixer. The project site would be accessed through existing roads. The project is expected to take three weeks to complete. Proposed work hours would be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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