

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING NAME: REGULAR BOARD MEETING(S)
MEETING DATE(S): DECEMBER 15 & 19, 2022
FROM: BRIAN MACY – ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER
FOR: ACTION DIRECTION INFORMATION



RESOLUTION 2022-31 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION DETERMINATION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2022-31, recommending approval of a Notice of Exemption determination under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to Section 15300 for the Supplemental Environmental Project and direct the General Manager to sign the attached Notice of Exemption and file same with the Riverside County Clerk.

SUMMARY

Pursuant to a settlement of an enforcement action with the Colorado River Basin Water Board, a proposal by Mission Springs Water District (MSWD) to develop and complete a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) was recently approved. The proposed SEP will be funded by MSWD to provide funding to construct private sanitary service laterals from MSWD sanitary sewers located in public rights-of-way to the on-site sewer plumbing and abandon septic systems located on private property, thus enhancing groundwater quality protection by removing known point sources of groundwater degradation in high-density economically disadvantaged areas.

Staff estimates that 21 properties can be benefited by this project, and depending upon the construction bids received, the number of properties connected will be adjusted to maximize the available monies. Presently, staff is developing the project plans, specifications and completing the necessary environmental clearances.

Staff has requested Tom Dodson & Associates (currently on an 'On Call' contract) to complete the necessary environmental compliance and exemptions pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the project. Staff has requested Tom Dodson & Associates (TDA) to evaluate the basis for the District to adopt a Categorical Exemption in compliance with CEQA and to prepare and file a Notice of Exemption. After review by TDA, the project is determined to qualify for a Categorical Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines pursuant to Section 15304, Replacement or Reconstruction.

ANALYSIS

Based on the review and determination by TDA, Staff finds that the Project is exempt from review under the CEQA and recommends approval of the Notice of Exemption.

FISCAL IMPACT AND STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The adoption of the resolution approving the Notice of Exemption has no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2022-31
Notice of Exemption Form