

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<b>TO:</b> Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse Post Office Box 3044, Room 212 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk County of Riverside 2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92502	<b>FROM:</b> Rancho California Water District 42135 Winchester Road Temecula, CA 92590
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1. Project Title:	Change of ownership and organization of the Santa Rosa Water Reclamation Facility (SRWRF) and the wastewater collection system facilities to that of the Santa Rosa Regional Resources Authority (SRRRA), a joint power authority public agency.
2. Project Applicant:	Rancho California Water District (RCWD)
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	26266 Washington Avenue, Murrieta, CA 92562  The Santa Rosa Water Reclamation Facility and the wastewater collection system facilities are shown Figure 1 on the attached draft Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Creating the SRRRA.
4. (a) Project Location – City:	City of Murrieta
(b) Project Location – County:	County of Riverside
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	The change of ownership and organization of the existing SRWRF and the wastewater collection system facilities to a new joint powers authority created by EVMWD, a municipal water district, RCWD, a California water district (RCWD), and WMWD of Riverside County, a municipal water district. The new owner will be the SRRRA, a joint power authority public agency, created and authorized pursuant to Government Code, Section 6500, et seq (see the attached draft Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Creating the SRRRA). RCWD is currently the owner and operator of SRWRF. Upon transfer of ownership of SRWRF and the wastewater collection system facilities to the Santa Rosa JPA, RCWD will continue to be the manager and operator of the SRWRF and the wastewater collection system facilities under a written contract between RCWD and the SRRRA. The formation of the SRRRA joint power authority public agency will provide a cost savings benefit to the current owner, RCWD, and the existing contracting agencies, EVMWD and WMWD.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Rancho California Water District (RCWD)
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Not Applicable

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County of Riverside  
 Peter Aldana  
 Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

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8. Exempt status: (check one)

- (a)  Ministerial project. (Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
- (b)  Not a project.
- (c)  Emergency Project. (Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
- (d)  Categorical Exemption. State type and class number:  
1: 14 Cal. Code Regs., section 15320  
2: 14 Cal. Code Regs., section 15061(b)(3)
- (e)  Declared Emergency. (Pub. Res. Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
- (f)  Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:
- (g)  Other. Explanation:


9. Reason why project was exempt:

The Project is categorically exempt under 14 Cal. Code Regs., section 15320, as the Project is for the change of ownership and organization of the SRWRF and the wastewater collection system facilities. Specifically, the ownership and operation of the SRWRF and the wastewater collection system facilities will be conveyed to the SRRRA, with RCWD to continue as the operator of the SRWRF pursuant to a written contract between the SRRRA and RCWD.

The Project is also exempt under 14 Cal. Code Regs., section 15061(b)(3), under the "common sense exemption" in that it is certain that there is no possibility that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment. This finding is based on the fact that the Project, the SRWRF and the wastewater collection system facilities, are existing facilities that will continue to be operated by the existing operator, RCWD, pursuant to a written contract between RCWD and the SRRRA.

10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Andrew Webster, Chief Engineer  
Telephone: (951) 296-6900

- 11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.
- 12. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No
- 13. Was a public hearing held by the lead agency to consider the exemption?  Yes  No  
If yes, the date of the public hearing was: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:  Date: 10/13/15 Title: CHIEF ENGINEER

Signed by Lead Agency                      Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA - THE RESOURCES AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
**ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**

Receipt #: 15-180456

State Clearinghouse # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Agency: RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT Date: 10/13/2015

County Agency of Filing: RIVERSIDE Document No: E-201501016

Project Title: CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP & ORGANIZATION OF SANTA ROSA WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

Project Applicant Name: RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT Phone Number: (951) 296-6900

Project Applicant Address: 42135 WINCHESTER ROAD, TEMECULA, CA 92590

Project Applicant: LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report  | _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration   | _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board Only)     | _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs                               | _____          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Administration Fee   | <u>\$50.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project that is exempt from fees (DFG No Effect Determination (Form Attached)) |                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project that is exempt from fees (Notice of Exemption)              |                |
| <b>Total Received</b>   | <u>\$50.00</u> |

Signature and title of person receiving payment



Deputy

Notes: