

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**  
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Project Title: Lift Station 55-12 and 81-07 Odor Control Upgrade Project

Project Location: Lift Station 55-12 is located at 76755 Jefferson Street in the City of La Quinta, Lift Station 81-07 is located at 80860 Avenue 42, in the city of Indio; both properties are located within Riverside County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the Lift Station 55-12 and Lift Station 81-07 Upgrade Project (Project) is to replace the chemical odor scrubbers (beds) at both lift stations. Lift Station 55-12 is located at 76755 Jefferson Street in the City of La Quinta, LS 81-07 is located at 80860 Avenue 42, in the city of Indio. The lift stations are more than sixteen years old and currently have deteriorated chemical odor scrubbers and delaminated wet well liners. The proposed improvements include replacing (2) odor beds with the same flow capacity and dimensions at 14' (Length) x 8' (Width) X 9' (Depth). The odor beds will have biological treatment with engineering inorganic material media and a spray-on liner, followed by activated carbon polishing. Foul odors will be drawn from the wet well using a duct fan and forced through a biological treatment with wood chips. The benefit of the biological treatment is the elimination of the chemical use at both sites. In addition, biological treatment is more efficient at eliminating odors.

The upgrades to the existing Lift Station 55-12 and 81-07 facilities are anticipated to begin in October of 2025 and will take place over 365 calendar days. The surrounding land uses consist of residential, farmland, open space, and roadways. The existing lift stations will continue to convey wastewater while the upgrades are under construction causing no disruptions in services. The Project is not located within or adjacent to a conservation area associated with the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). The sites are not subject to the CVMSHCP development mitigation fee because the sites are previously developed.

**Lead Agency Approving Project and Contact:** Coachella Valley Water District; Armando Rodriguez, Engineering Manager / Phone: (760) 398-2651

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Exempt Status:

- ☐ **Not a project:** State CEQA Guidelines §15378
- ☐ **Review for Exemption/Common Sense Exemption:** State CEQA Guideline §15061(b)(3)
- ☐ **Ministerial:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guideline §15268)
- ☐ **Declared Emergency:** (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guideline §15269(a))
- ☐ **Emergency Project:** 15269(b)
- ☐ **Statutory Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines § 15277
- ☒ **Categorically Exempt:** State CEQA Guidelines: §15302, §15303

Reasons why project is exempt:

State CEQA Guidelines §15302 (Replacement or Construction). This Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

State CEQA Guidelines §15303 (New Construction). This Class 3 exemption allows for the 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.

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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