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# Notice of Exemption

**Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk CA 90650-3134

**From:** (Public Agency): Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts
900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803
(Address)

Project Title: Antelope Valley Watermaster Carry Over Storage and Recovery Agreement between the Antelope Valley Watermaster and the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley

Project Applicant: Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley

Project Location - Specific:

See attached map of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley

Project Location - City: Lancaster, Palmdale, and unincorporated LA County Areas within the Antelope Valley. Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Approval and authorization for the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (District No. 40), to execute the Antelope Valley Watermaster Carry Over Storage and Recovery Agreement between the Antelope Valley Watermaster and District No. 40 to improve drought resilience and water supply reliability for the communities served by District No. 40. The Agreement provides District No. 40 the opportunity to preserve unused Carry Over Water by converting it into Stored Water that can be recovered at a later time when needed, including during extended water shortages.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code § 21065; CEQA Guidelines § 15378(b).

Reasons why project is exempt:

Approval of the Antelope Valley Watermaster Carry Over Storage and Recovery Agreement between the Antelope Valley Watermaster and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 21065 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Marcela Benavides Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 626-300-3353

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Marcela Benavides Date: 10/20/26 Title: Senior Civil Engineer

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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ON October 23 2026

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Electronically signed by MARY JOANNE PUAINA

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