

Agenda

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Yuima Municipal Water District

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 9:00 A.M.
34928 Valley Center Road, Pauma Valley, California

Roland Simpson, President
Don Broomell, Secretary / Treasurer
Bruce Knox, Director

Steve Wehr, Vice President
Laurie Kariya, Director

1. **Roll Call** - Determination of Quorum Broomell
 2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 3. **Approval of Agenda** – At its option, the Board may approve the agenda, delete an item, reorder items and add an item to the agenda per the provisions of Government Code §54954.2. Simpson
 4. **Public Comment** – This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters of interest within the Board’s jurisdiction that are not listed on the agenda. The Brown Act does not allow any discussion by the Board or staff on matters raised during public comment except; 1) to briefly respond to statements made or questions posed; 2) ask questions for clarification; 3) receive and file the matter; 4) if it is within staff’s authority, refer it to them for a reply; or 5) direct that it be placed on a future board agenda for a report or action. Inquiries pertaining to an item on the agenda will be received during deliberation on that agenda item. No action can be taken unless specifically listed on the agenda (Government Code §54954.3) Simpson
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- I. **ACTION DISCUSSION**
 1. Proposed Resolution of the Board of Directors of Yuima Municipal Water District Making California Environmental Quality Act Findings for Upper San Luis Rey Monitoring Well and Ordering a Notice of Exemption Filed with the San Diego County Clerk. Simpson

Background: The Monitoring Well Project, which is funded by the existing DACI grant, is in accordance with the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Management Actions to expand the monitoring network of the basin. The proposed Resolution makes CEQA findings for declaration of the Upper San Luis Rey Monitoring Well Project.

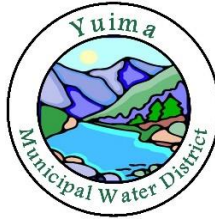
Recommendation: Staff recommends approval to file the Notice of Exemption for the project with the County Clerk for posting per CEQA guidelines.
 - II. **ADJOURNMENT**

NOTE: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to participate in the Board meeting, please contact the General Manager at (760) 742-3704 at least 48 hours before the meeting to enable the District to make reasonable accommodations. The meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. The time listed for individual agenda items is an estimate only. Any

writings or documents provided to a majority of the members of the Yuima Municipal Water District Board of Directors regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection during normal business hours in the office of the General Manager located at 34928 Valley Center Road, Pauma Valley.

I.

Action/Discussion



April 4, 2023

TO: Honorable President and Board of Directors

FROM: Amy Reeh, General Manager

SUBJECT: Director Compensation

BACKGROUND

On January 24, 2022, as the lead agency for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency, the Yuima Board of Directors adopted a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“Plan”) for the Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Subbasin. This plan, and the data contained within the plan, was funded by two grants from the State. Due to the economical manner in which the District was able to produce the Plan, there were remaining unused funds that the District was able to use to execute part of the Plan; specifically a monitoring well.

Yuima, as the lead agency, is the holder of the grants and therefore required to manage the grant and all related projects.

Per DWR requirements all construction projects under state grants must undergo CEQA determination and submitted to DWR for approval. The monitoring well project has been determined to be categorically exempt according to CEQA Guidelines Article 18.36.080, Section 15306 which allows Class 6 facilities for basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution as presented making findings under the California Environmental Quality Act and ordering a Notice of Exemption to be filed with the County Clerk.

SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Reeh".

**Amy Reeh
General Manager**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
YUIMA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
MAKING CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS FOR
UPPER SAN LUIS REY MONITORING WELL PROJECT AND ORDERING A
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FILED
WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK**

WHEREAS, the Yuima Municipal Water District is the lead agency for the Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Management Authority, successor to the Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and

WHEREAS, the District approved the Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Sustainability Plan on January 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plan, the development of a monitoring well will expand the data collection area of the Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Subbasin ; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 provides statutory CEQA exemption for basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Yuima Municipal Water District and the beneficial users of the Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Subbasin to order a Notice of Exemption filed with the San Diego County Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Yuima Municipal Water District does hereby find, determine, resolve and order as follows:

1. The foregoing facts are found and determined to be true and correct.
2. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15306, the Board of Directors finds and determines that the Upper San Luis Rey Monitoring Well Project is exempt from CEQA for the following reasons:
 - a) CEQA Guidelines Article 18.36.080, Section 15306 allows for categorical exemption of Class 6 facilities for basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.
 - b) The Project does not meet any of the exception criteria as set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2
 - c) The Board of Directors of the Yuima Municipal Water District hereby directs District Staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the San Diego

County Clerk stating that the project is exempt from CEQA in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15306.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of YUIMA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT on April 5, 2023 by the following roll call vote to wit.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Roland Simpson, President

ATTEST:

Stephen Wehr, Vice-President

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

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: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

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: _____ Date: _____ Title: _____

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: _____

Attachment A

The Yuima Municipal Water District (District) finds that the Upper San Luis Rey Monitoring Well MW-1 (Project) is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and therefore finds that filing this Notice of Exemption (NOE) is appropriate pursuant to CEQA, for the reasons set forth below.

Project Description

Figure 1 depicts the location of the proposed monitoring well, which will be located within an existing disturbed dirt access road adjacent to agricultural areas. This monitoring well will be constructed as part of the ongoing efforts of the Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Management Authority to help fill data gaps within the basin – therefore increasing hydrogeologic understanding and providing important information on specific conditions for Groundwater Sustainability Plan monitoring and reporting. The monitoring well will be installed using typical municipal well drilling methods. The well will be “developed” (following installation, relatively small quantities of residual groundwater and drill spoils will be pumped out and hauled off in trucks). Following well installation and development, no groundwater will be pumped for water supply. The well will monitor fluctuations in groundwater levels for the purpose of better understanding surface water and groundwater interactions. The well is anticipated to remain in place for ongoing seasonal monitoring.



Figure 1 - Monitoring Well Location

Notice of Exemption
Upper San Luis Rey Monitoring Well MW-1
Yuima Municipal Water District

Project Details

Following initial pilot borehole drilling consisting of a 6-inch borehole to a depth of approximately 305 ft below ground surface (ft bgs), the borehole will be enlarged (reamed) to a diameter of 17.5 inches to the final depth. The borehole drilling and well construction activities will be a daylight operation over a 5-day work week for critical tasks (i.e. well drilling, well construction, and pump development). However, there may be instances where a work week is extended to 7 days to avoid open borehole collapse in the middle of well construction. Initial and final well development will be during daylight hours only to minimize impact to surrounding residences. After completion of the monitoring well, the well will be monitored manually (electric sounder) at least twice a year, in fall and spring. Additional Project details are available upon request at the District office.

Reasons Why the Project is Exempt

The monitoring well will be located on an existing disturbed dirt road used for access to existing municipal supply wells. The well construction and operation would not affect any sensitive environmental resources. Agricultural or municipal supply operations would not be significantly impacted (local landowner approvals will be obtained prior to construction). The Project does not meet any of the exception criteria as set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, as discussed further below:

Location – the Project is not located within any of the noted sensitive geographic areas.

Cumulative Impact – the Project is small scale and is not anticipated to have any individual or cumulatively considerable significant environmental impacts.

Significant Effect – the Project does not involve any unusual circumstances known to the District.

Scenic Highways – the Project would not damage any scenic resources including trees, historic landmarks or rock outcroppings as no such features exist at the Project site. The well site is approximately 2,000 feet from State Route 76 (SR-76), which is designated by Caltrans as eligible for State Scenic Highway listing.¹ Given the distance from SR-76, and considering the lack of vertical surface structures, the monitoring well would not impact views to or from SR-76.

Hazardous Waste Sites – the Project site is not on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.²

Historical Resources – this site is a vacant disturbed dirt access road, absent of any historical resources.

¹ <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/lap-landscape-architecture-and-community-livability/lap-liv-i-scenic-highways> (accessed March 30, 2023).

² <https://calepa.ca.gov/sitecleanup/corteselist/section-65962-5a/> (accessed on March 30, 2023).