APPENDIX E

CEQA Notice of Exemption
(for reference only)
Eastern Municipal Water District
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Perris, CA 92572-8300

Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
    County of Riverside
    2720 Gateway Drive
    Riverside, CA 92507

Project Title: McCall Boulevard Pipeline Replacement Project
Project Location: McCall Boulevard between Bradley Road and Valley Boulevard
City: City of Menifee
County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Eastern Municipal Water District (District) will construct 1.3 miles of 12-inch PVC water pipeline within McCall Boulevard to replace the existing 12-inch CML&C water pipeline that the District determined has reached the end of its useful life. The existing pipeline will be abandoned in place. The project also includes replacement of 500 feet of 8-inch pipeline that extends into Bradley Road on the north and south sides of the intersection with McCall Boulevard. This 500-foot segment of the existing 8-inch pipeline in Bradley Road will be replaced with 500-feet of 12-inch pipeline. The increase in pipeline size is a design preference and is not intended to, nor would it increase overall capacity of the existing water pipeline system. See attached exhibit.

The project also includes connections to 17 existing water pipelines along the McCall Boulevard alignment which range in diameter from 8- to 24-inches; installation of new 1-inch and 2-inch water service laterals from the proposed pipeline to the existing meter boxes; and installation of new fire hydrants and air vacuum/release valves. The project includes environmental commitments provided on the attached page.

Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project: Eastern Municipal Water District

Exempt Status:

[ ] Categorical Exemption (Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction Class 2 (c), and Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures Class 3 (d))

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves replacement of an existing pipeline from the 1960s that has a history of leaks and has reached the end of its useful life. The replacement pipeline will be the same size as the existing pipeline, installed in the same road, will have the same purpose, and will not result in an expansion of capacity. This project meets the criteria for replacement or reconstruction of an existing public utility system, as well as construction of small facilities and equipment associated with the replacement pipeline, under categorical exemptions provided in CEQA Guidelines Sections 15302 and 15303, respectively.

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Signature
Principal Water Resources Specialist

Date: 7/1/19
McCall Boulevard Pipeline Replacement Project

Environmental Commitments

EMWD will implement the following environmental commitments for the project:

- Construction activities and staging areas shall avoid areas containing native vegetation on the undeveloped parcel located on the north side of McCall Boulevard, between Radford Drive and Valley Boulevard.

- Construction activities shall be in compliance with the City of Menifee Noise Ordinance.

- To control fugitive dust, the project shall implement standard dust control measures in accordance with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 403, such as watering two times daily during excavation and ensuring that exposed surfaces maintain a minimum soil moisture of 12 percent.

- Any off-road construction equipment engines shall utilize California Air Resources Board (CARB)/United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Certification Tier 3 or better engines, or other equivalent methods approved by CARB, to reduce air emissions.

- The project shall implement a traffic control plan, approved by the City of Menifee, to minimize traffic-related hazards and maintain vehicular access during construction lane closures. The traffic control plan may include, but not be limited to, the following elements:
  
  ➢ Detailed plan sheets identifying locations for traffic barriers and signage; temporary speed limits; steel plate requirements; access/driveway closure constraints; and bike and pedestrian access.

  ➢ Traffic detour plans providing alternative routes when portions of intersections or roadways require closures.