

CITY OF CORONA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:	FROM:
☐ Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	City of Corona, Utilities Department 755 Public Safety Way Corona, CA 92880
☐ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Riverside	4080 Lemon Street, 1 st Floor Riverside, CA 92501

1. Project Title:	Lester Water Treatment Plant Backwash Tank Rehabilitation Project
2. Project Applicant:	Tom Moody, Utilities Director
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):	2970 Rimpau Ave, Corona, California, 92881
4. (a) Project Location – City:	Corona, California
(b) Project Location – County:	Riverside
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	The Lester Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Backwash Tank Rehabilitation Project consists of rehabilitation of the existing backwash tank to restore structural integrity and improve long-term operational reliability. The project includes demolition and replacement of the existing welded steel roof with a new press-brake steel roof system, structural steel improvements, interior and exterior tank coating rehabilitation, piping modifications, structural repairs, testing, startup, and commissioning. The rehabilitation will extend the service life of the existing facility, improve treatment plant reliability, and ensure continued delivery of safe and reliable drinking water for the residents of the City of Corona.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	City of Corona
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:	This is a public improvements project under the supervision of Tom Moody, Utilities Director with the City of Corona, Utilities Department
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 section number:	Article 19, Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) , Section 15302.c
(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 Lester Water Treatment Plant Backwash Tank Rehabilitation Project involves rehabilitation and repair of an existing public facility. The scope of work is limited to replacement of the deteriorated roof system, structural steel improvements, interior and exterior tank coating rehabilitation, piping modifications, and associated repairs within the existing treatment plant without expanding its capacity or altering its function. The nature of the work, confined to rehabilitation and minor modifications, ensures there are no substantial environmental impacts, including noise. Work will be confined to the existing facility with strict adherence to safety and environmental regulations. Furthermore, the rehabilitation efforts will enhance operational reliability and extend the service life of the existing infrastructure without introducing new environmental risks or disruptions to the surrounding community.
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person:		Erin Kunkle, Utilities Department Maintenance Manager
	Telephone:		(951) 741 9643
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: _____		

Signed by: Tom Moody  Date: 8/11/2026 Title: Utilities Director
 Signature: 47A311008FBB436...

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: _____

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Authority cited: CEQA, Article 18, Section 15284 and CEQA, Article 18, Section 15302

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