



OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



EXHIBIT F-7
6 Pages

OVPD-OVMWC EMERGENCY INTERTIE PROJECT

DATE: March 26, 2024

TO: District Board Members

FROM: Dave Hunt, District Engineer

SUBJECT: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption

BACKGROUND: The OVPD-OVMWC Emergency Intertie Project includes the construction of a pressure reducing valve (PRV) station and a booster pump station (BPS). The PRV will be adjacent to Olympic Valley Rd. and the Olympic Valley bike trail, at the intersection of Russell Rd. The new facility will include a 6'x11' concrete vault with a PRV and appurtenant pipe and valves, and approximately 100 linear feet of waterline to connect the water systems. The BPS will be constructed within the OVMWC's existing Wellhouse #1. Approximately 125 linear feet of waterline will be constructed to connect the water systems in the Palisades Tahoe paved parking area within a waterline easement.

This Emergency Intertie Project is necessary to improve water supply reliability. The construction of the intertie will enhance water supply reliability in the Valley during emergency events such as power outages, water supply contamination, mechanical well failures, fires, and other unforeseeable emergencies that would result in an interruption of service.

DISCUSSION: The District is required to comply with CEQA and will act as the Lead Agency for the Project. The Lead Agency, as defined by CEQA, is the public agency that has the primary responsibility for carrying out or approving a project (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15367). To be a CEQA Lead Agency, the public agency must have discretionary authority over the proposed project. The Lead Agency also has the primary responsibility for determining what level of CEQA review is required for a project and for preparing and approving the appropriate document (e.g., negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, Environmental Impact Report, or Notice of Exemption).

Under the CEQA guidelines, a project qualifies for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption if "it consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new,

small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in smaller structures;...” including “Water main, sewerage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.” (CEQA Guidelines Section 15303).

The Emergency Intertie Project qualifies for a Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Section 15303) Categorical Exemption since it includes construction of one (1) new small underground water system facility and conversion of one (1) existing small water system facility, and installation of approximately 225 lineal feet of water main to connect the facilities. The sole purpose of the project is to provide critical water system reliability for the protection of public health and safety and fire protection in the event of a water supply or water system failure or other unforeseeable emergency. Both facilities will be installed in previously disturbed areas and construction Best Management Practices will be employed throughout the project to ensure protection of the environment, both during and after construction.

- ALTERNATIVES:**
1. Adopt Resolution 2024-05 authorizing the Interim General Manager to execute and file a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Project.
 2. Do not authorize the Interim General Manager to execute and file a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Project.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACTS: There are no fiscal impacts associated with filing the CEQA NOE.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2024-05 authorizing the Interim General Manager to execute and file a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Project.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution 2024-05 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Olympic Valley Public Service District Authorizing the Interim General Manager to Execute and File the Notice of Exemption for the OVPSD-OVMWC Emergency Intertie Project
- Notice of Exemption

DATE PREPARED: March 13, 2024

RESOLUTION 2024-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND FILE THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE OVPSD-OVMWC EMERGENCY INTERTIE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Olympic Valley Public Service District (District) is a public agency organized pursuant to California Water Code §30000, et seq; and

WHEREAS, there are two public water systems in the Olympic Valley, the Olympic Valley Public Service District (OVPSD) and the Olympic Valley Mutual Water Company (OVMWC), that provide domestic water to residents for health and human safety, and fire protection purposes,

WHEREAS, the water systems are not hydraulically connected; and the construction of the Emergency Intertie will enhance water supply reliability in the Valley during emergency events such as power outages, water supply contamination, mechanical well failures, fires, and other unforeseeable emergencies that would result in an interruption of service; and

WHEREAS, the Project entails the construction of a pressure reducing valve (PRV) station including a 6'x11' concrete vault with a PRV and appurtenant pipe and valves, and a booster pump station (BPS) located within OVMWC Wellhouse #1 and appurtenant pipe and valves; and

WHEREAS, the District is acting as Lead Agency for the OVPSD-OVMWC Emergency Intertie Project (Project) under the California Public Resources Code §21000, et seq, (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the District as Lead Agency has determined that the Project does not have a significant effect on the environment and is categorically exempt pursuant to § 15303 of Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Olympic Valley Public Service District hereby directs the Interim General Manager to execute and file the attached Notice of Exemption on the grounds that said project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The contents of said Notice of Exemption shall be filed with Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse and the Placer County Clerk's Office.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2024 at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Olympic Valley Public Service District, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Dale Cox, Board President

ATTEST:

Jessica Asher, Board Secretary

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

Olympic Valley Public Service District OVPSD-OVMWC Emergency Intertie Project CEQA Categorical Exemption

Project Purpose

There are two public water systems in the Olympic Valley, the Olympic Valley Public Service District (OVPSD) and the Olympic Valley Mutual Water Company (OVMWC), that provide domestic water to residents for health and human safety, and fire protection purposes. Currently, the water systems are not hydraulically connected. Interties or interconnections between separate public water systems that allow the exchange, or delivery, of water between those systems is essential to improve water supply reliability.

The OVPSD-OVMWC Emergency Intertie Project is necessary to improve water supply reliability. The construction of the Emergency Intertie will enhance water supply reliability in the Valley during emergency events such as power outages, water supply contamination, mechanical well failures, fires, and other unforeseeable emergencies that would result in an interruption of service.

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CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

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