

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department, Support Services Division,
Office of Real Estate Services
(Lead Department/Division)

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), as defined in the State CEQA Guidelines and County Revised CEQA Guidelines.

APN(s): 103-200-011

Project No. 003588

LOCATION: Orcutt, CA

PROJECT TITLE: Grant of Easement to Golden State Water Company

PROJECT DESCRIPTION. This project consists of minor alteration of existing facilities. The improvements would involve enhancing the existing features to allow for new transformer. Minor alteration of existing structures will be negligible.

EXEMPT STATUS:(Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)].

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section 15301 Existing Facilities (b) – Existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewage, or other public utility services.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is consists of a minor alteration of an existing structure and therefore is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15301 (b). CEQA Guideline Section 15301 (b) Existing Facilities – "...consists of the operation, repair, maintenance,..... or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination."



 Department/Division Representative June 22, 2009
Date

NOTE: A copy must be posted at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Date File of County Clerk

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and when recorded mail to:
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
Department of General Services
Office of Real Estate Services
WILL CALL

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

No Fee Pursuant to Government Code §6103
No Tax Due

SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE
APN: 103-200-011

**EASEMENT DEED
(Permanent Easement)**

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, a political subdivision of the State of California, owner of all that real property in the unincorporated area of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, commonly referred to as Assessor's Parcel No. 103-200-011, referred to as GRANTOR herein,

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, DOES HEREBY GRANT TO

Golden State Water Company, a California corporation, its successors and assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee"), a permanent easement for the present and future construction, reconstruction, operation, repair, and maintenance of public utilities including but not limited to underground or overhead electrical power lines, power poles, conduits and pull boxes, control wiring, conduits and pull boxes, and other utilities and appurtenances thereto; and for right-of-way purposes to permit pedestrian and vehicular ingress and egress and passage across such real property, as necessary for installing, constructing, operating, maintaining and replacing facilities as may from time to time be deemed necessary by Grantee that certain land situated in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, legally described in Exhibit "A" and shown crosshatched on Exhibit "B", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. This easement is granted to allow for the installation of utilities to activate a water well.

GRANTEE shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless GRANTOR, its agents, employees, officers, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, liabilities, demands, costs (including reasonable attorney fees), and causes of action of all kinds arising from GRANTEE'S use of the Easement Area, or any obligations arising there from, including but not limited to contamination by harmful, hazardous and/or toxic materials; except for any such claim arising