

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles
12400 East Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): City of Santa Monica
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA 90405
(Address)

Project Title: City of Santa Monica Clean Beaches/Water Energy Project

Project Applicant: City of Santa Monica

Project Location - Specific: 1623 Appian Way - Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility (SMURFF); Pico-Kenter Drain (at the western terminus of Pico Boulevard); Deauville Parking Lot (north of SM pier)

Project Location - City: Santa Monica Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: see attachment A

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Monica

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Monica Water Resources Protection Program

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: Section 15303 (Class 3) - New Construction
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 21080.35 (Solar Energy Systems)

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 3 projects that are categorically exempt include the installation of small new equipment and facilities. The project consists the installation of a reverse osmosis treatment unit, groundwater extraction well, solar panels, and tanks. Therefore, the project qualifies as a Class 3 exemption. In addition, none of the exceptions specified in Section 15300.2 of CEQA Guidelines would apply that would preclude the use of this CEQA exemption - The project site is not located in a sensitive environment, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, the project would not damage scenic resources, the project would not be located on a hazardous waste site; and the project would not cause a change to a historical resource. Section 21080.35 of CEQA also exempts the installation of solar energy systems, which include the project's proposed solar panels.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rachel Kwok Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 310 458 8341

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? [X] Yes [ ] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 12/8/2014 Title: Environmental Planner

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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## Attachment A

### City of Santa Monica Clean Beaches/Water-Energy Project

#### Project Description

The project, which may be phased for purposes of construction and funding, consists of the installation of modular and ready-made tanks, containerized water treatment equipment, solar panels, and a brackish water extraction well on the beach to improve beach water quality, stabilize the City's use of recycled water, maintain groundwater aquifers, and conserve potable supply. Specifically, the City will install a containerized brackish water reverse osmosis (RO) treatment unit and solar panels at the City's existing Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility (SMURRF). Brine water from the RO treatment equipment would be discharged to the sanitary sewer. A brackish water groundwater extraction well, solar panels and a set of up to four ready-made storage tanks with a total approximate volume capacity of 80,000 gallons will be installed at the existing Pico-Kenter Outfall pump station, located approximately 2,200 ft. south of the SMURRF. These tanks will be used to store stormwater, residual runoff and other non-potable source prior to treatment at the SMURRF. The tanks will be low-profile and the current fencing at the pump station would be upgraded to shield views of the new tanks. A set of sub-grade modular storage tanks will be installed at the existing Deauville Parking Lot located approximately 1,000 ft. north of the Pier and adjacent to the City's Beach Maintenance equipment storage yard. These tanks, which would capture storm water and urban runoff from the Pier Drainage Area, will be connected to the SMURRF by piping and would have an approximate volume capacity of 1.2 MG. Once installed, the surface cover at the Deauville Parking Lot would be restored to match existing use. A set of car-port type solar panels will be installed at the City parking lot immediately west of the SMURRF to help energize the various project components.