



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Indian Wells Valley Water District

or

X County Clerk

County of Inyo

P. O. Box F

Independence, CA 93526

P.O. Box 1329

Ridgecrest, CA 93556

1. Project Title: Butterworth Ranch Well No. 1A (Replacement of Butterworth Ranch Well No. 1)
2. Project Location - Specific: SW 1/4 Section 28, Township 19 South, Range 37 East, Mount Diablo Meridian.
3. (a) Project Location - City: near Olancha  
(b) Project Location - County: Inyo
4. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project: Replacement of an existing agricultural well in the same location and at substantially the same purpose and capacity.
5. Name of Public Agency approving project: Indian Wells Valley Water District
6. Name of Person or Agency carrying out project: Indian Wells Valley Water District
7. Exempt status: (Check one)
  - (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Ministerial project.
  - (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Not a project.
  - (c) \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Project.
  - (d) X Categorical Exemption. State type and class number: Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction
  - (e) \_\_\_\_\_ Declared Emergency.
  - (f) \_\_\_\_\_ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (g) \_\_\_\_\_ Other. Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Reason why project was exempt: No possibility of significant environmental effect.
9. Contact Person: Charles A. Krieger, District Consulting Engineer  
Telephone: (951) 684-6900
10. Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.

Date Received for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas S. Muehler  
Signature (Lead Agency Representative)

(Clerk Stamp Here)

General Manager  
Title

**PRELIMINARY EXEMPTION ASSESSMENT**

(Certificate of Determination  
When Attached to Notice of Exemption)

1. Name or description of project: Butterworth Ranch Well No. 1A (Replacement of Butterworth Ranch Well No. 1). An existing agricultural well will be replaced in the same location and at substantially the same purpose and capacity.
2. Location: SW 1/4 Section 28, Township 19 South, Range 37 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Inyo County.
3. Entity or person undertaking project:  
 A. Indian Wells Valley Water District  
 B. Other (Private)  
(1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Address: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Staff Determination:

The District's Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the District's "Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)" has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:

- a.  The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.
- b.  The project is a Ministerial Project.
- c.  The project is an Emergency Project.
- d.  The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.
- e.  The project is categorically exempt.  
Applicable Exemption Class: Class 2
- f.  The project is statutorily exempt.  
Applicable Exemption: \_\_\_\_\_
- g.  The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis: \_\_\_\_\_
- h.  The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.  
Name of Lead Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 15 Jan 2011

Chae A. Juega  
Staff