

RESOLUTION 2021-02

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPROVING THE OXNARD HUENEME SYSTEM
BACKUP GENERATOR PROJECT AT THE EL RIO BOOSTER PLANT**

WHEREAS, for the purpose of continued supply of potable water to the Oxnard Hueneme (“OH”) system during power outage events, the United Water Conservation District (“District”) proposes the installation and operation of a new backup diesel-powered generator, the Oxnard Hueneme System Backup Generator (“Project”), at the existing District El Rio Booster Plant; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project consists of the installation of a new backup diesel-powered generator at the District’s El Rio Booster Plant which supplies the District’s OH system. The generator would automatically turn on in the event of a power outage to maintain supply of potable water via the District’s OH system. An existing 750 kW diesel generator would be removed prior to installation of the new generator; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project, including the installation of the new generator, consists of the minor alteration of an existing facility that provides public utility services (water), involving no expansion of use beyond that currently existing; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project consists of replacement and reconstruction of existing utility facilities, in this case replacement of an existing, inoperable generator with a new generator and related modifications at the El Rio Booster Plant, involving no expansion of capacity beyond that currently existing.

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed the proposed Project and has determined that it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) (“CEQA”) pursuant to the Class 1, Existing Facilities, and Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction, categorical exemptions under State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.) sections 15301 and 15302, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed the proposed Project and has determined that none of the exceptions to exemption set forth in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply; and

WHEREAS, the beneficiaries of the proposed Project include the contractors of the Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline who are groundwater pumpers and water users within the District.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of United Water Conservation District does hereby **RESOLVE, DETERMINE, and ORDER** as follows:

1. CEQA Compliance

The Board of Directors hereby finds that approval of the proposed Project is not subject to environmental review under CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, on grounds that the proposed Project is categorically exempt. Specifically, the Board of Directors finds that the proposed Project is categorically exempt pursuant to the Class 1, Existing Facilities exemption (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15301), and the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction exemption (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15302). The Board of Directors further finds that none of the exceptions to the application of these exemptions apply. (See State CEQA Guidelines, § 15300.2.)

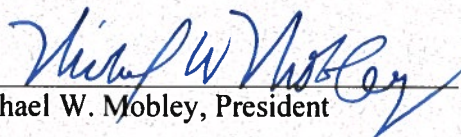
2. Approval of the Project

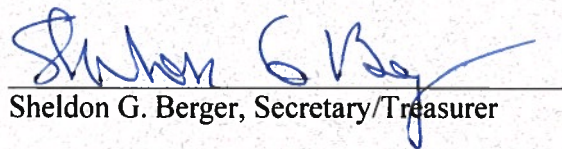
The Board of Directors hereby approves the Project and its implementation.

3. Notice of Exemption

The Board of Directors hereby directs Staff to execute and file a Notice of Exemption for the Project as permitted by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY 2021


Michael W. Mobley, President


Sheldon G. Berger, Secretary/Treasurer

