



OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



Painted Rock Lodge Waterline Extension Project

DATE: January 26, 2021
TO: District Board Members
FROM: Dave Hunt, District Engineer
SUBJECT: Painted Rock Lodge Waterline Extension Project – California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption

BACKGROUND: The property owners at 5038 and 5048 River Road have approached the District requesting water service to their parcels (see attached Vicinity Map). Although on the east side of Highway 89, these single family residential properties are in our service area as Lots 8 and 9 of the 1994 Squaw Valley East Subdivision Map. In fact, these properties are sewer customers of the District.

Both of these properties currently use domestic wells for water supply. These wells are not only of extremely poor water quality but are also limited in their supply capacities. The District does have available capacity in our system to provide water service to these customers.

In order to provide water service, an extension of the District's existing water system will need to be constructed. This will include connecting to an existing 8-inch water main on the west side of Highway 89, extending a new water main across the Highway terminating adjacent to and on the west side of Bridge 3 with a new fire hydrant and two (2) new water services (meters and service lines). The project also includes installing new water service lines from the meters to the houses, attached to the Bridge 3 substructure. The property owners have hired Auerbach Engineering Corporation to prepare the design plans and manage the permitting and construction of the project. Staff will review the plans for compliance with our standards as well as provide inspection during construction to assure the same.

This is a private project being managed and completely funded by the property owners. The District will take dedication of the new water assets within the Caltrans Highway 89 right of way (ROW) after successful completion of the project and acceptance by the District. The District will not take ownership of the water service lines from the water meters to the houses as our point of service is typically the water meter installed at the property/easement lines.

Staff has prepared a Dedication Agreement (DA) defining the terms and conditions for which the District will accept dedication of the new water assets in the Caltrans ROW and provide water service. It is anticipated that the DA will be presented for approval by the Board at the February 23, 2021 meeting.

DISCUSSION: The permitting process for this project includes compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The District will act as Lead Agency under CEQA pursuant to § 15367 and 15051 of Title 14, California Administrative Code. As the Lead Agency, the District has determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment and is thus categorically exempt pursuant to § 15301(b) and 15304(f) of Title 14, California Administrative Code.

As stated in the Notice of Exemption (NOE) prepared by the District, this project includes a minor alteration to the existing District water system to extend water service to two (2) residential properties within the OVPSD water service territory, which involves negligible expansion of the water system (15301(b)). The project also includes minor trenching and backfilling with surface restoration for installation of the water pipelines and appurtenances (15304(f)).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute and file a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Painted Rock Lodge Waterline Extension Project.
2. Do not authorize the General Manager to execute and file a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Painted Rock Lodge Waterline Extension Project.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACTS: There are no fiscal impacts associated with filing the CEQA NOE. There are also no fiscal impacts to the District for the project as a whole as the project is privately financed and the property owners will reimburse the District for all costs associated with the project including preparation of the DA, plan review and coordination, inspection, and preparation of offer of dedication documents.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2021-01 authorizing the General Manager to execute and file a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Painted Rock Lodge Waterline Extension Project.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution 2021-01 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Olympic Valley Public Service District Authorizing the General Manager to Execute and File the Notice of Exemption for the Painted Rock Lodge Waterline Extension Project
- Notice of Exemption
- Vicinity Map

DATE PREPARED: January 20, 2021

RESOLUTION 2021-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND FILE THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE PAINTED ROCK LODGE WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the property owners have requested a pipeline extension off of the District's water system to provide water service to 5038 and 5048 River Road (Service Area), APN 096-230-039-000 and 096-230-040-000 respectively; and

WHEREAS, The Service Area lies within the District Water Service Territory and is not currently connected to the District's water system; and

WHEREAS, Water service to the Service Area will require the installation of approximately 120 lineal feet of 8-inch pipe (48 lineal feet in 20-inch steel casing), a fire hydrant, and two (2) water service laterals with associated appurtenances (meter boxes, meters, etc.) within the Caltrans Highway 89 right of way; and

WHEREAS, the District is acting as Lead Agency for the Painted Rock Waterline Extension 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 § 15301(b) and 15304(f) of Title 14, California Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Olympic Valley Public Service District hereby directs the 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.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of January 2021 at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Olympic Valley Public Service District by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Bill Hudson, Board Vice-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: _____

