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## **RESOLUTION NO. 11-22-2022**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FINDING THE MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT DOMESTIC WATER MAIN REPLACEMENTS / DROUGHT RESILIENCY PROJECT EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

**WHEREAS**, the Malaga County Water District ("District") is a County Water District located in the County of Fresno that provides water, sewer, solid waste and recreational service to the residents and properties within its boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has determined that it can reduce its annual energy costs by installing solar panels at a cost of approximately 2.77 million dollars (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the District has obtained financing for the Project under the Energy Conservation Assistance Act Low Interest Loan Program (the "Program Funding"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Malaga County Water District hereby finds, after receiving the staff report, written reports, and testimony and other evidence presented to the Board of Directors, and after exercising independent consideration of the entire record finds that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to 14CCR §§15303(e) (categorical exemption) and Public Resources Code § 21080.35 (statutory exemption).

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth at this point.
- 2. That based on the documentary and oral evidence received, and exercising their independent judgment, the Board finds that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14CCR §§15303(e), construction of an accessory structure; and Public Resources Code § 21080.35 solar project.
- 3. The Board of Directors of the Malaga County Water District hereby adopts the Notice of Exemption as attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Attachment A to this Resolution.

	reby authorizes the General Manager to file the ry fees, and execute any necessary documents chalf of the District.
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Passed and adopted by the Board at their meeting held on this 22 <sup>nd</sup> day of	d of Directors of the Malaga County Water District November, 2022, by the following vote:
AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ATTEST:	Charles Garabedian, Jr., President Malaga County Water District
Moises Ortiz, General Manager- Secretary of the Board of Directors Malaga County Water District	