

Notice of Exemption

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Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Dept. of Water Resources
San Luis Field Division, 31770
Gonzaga Rd. CA 95322

Lead Agency: Westlands Water District (WWD)

Project Title: Westlands Water District MP 138.25L Water Pipe Repair

Project Location City & County: Fresno County

Project Location – Specific: The project is located on the left side (L) of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) at MP 138.25L, approximately 3.36 miles southeast of the intersection of W. Mount Whitney Avenue and the Aqueduct.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: WWD has requested an encroachment permit from DWR to excavate and repair its damaged concrete pipe in the DWR right-of-way (ROW) at MP 138.25L. A 30 foot long by 30 foot wide by 7 feet deep trench will be excavated and the damaged section of pipe will be removed and replaced. Once the repair is complete, the excavated area will be backfilled and compacted. A privately-owned pipe is also located in the work area, but work on this pipe is not part of project. WWD will benefit.

Exempt/Suspend Status:

- Ministerial (§21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])
- Categorical Exemption: 15305 (b)
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Work involves a WWD repair of its existing pipeline in DWR's ROW. DWR is the Responsible Agency Issuing an encroachment permit to WWD. WWD will complete any additional CEQA and will obtain any permits. Work consists of minor alterations to land with an average slope of less than 20 percent. Categorical Exemption 15305(b) (Minor Alterations of Land Use Limitations--Issuance of Minor Encroachment Permits) applies.

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

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Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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