

Notice of Exemption

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: California Department of Water Resources (DWR)**Project Title:** California Aqueduct MP 70.82R B&B Communications Splice Case Installation**Project Location City & County:** Merced

Project Location – Specific: The project is on the right (R) side of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) at milepost (MP) 70.82R, at the intersection of Santa Nella Boulevard (State Route 33) and the Aqueduct, which is about 2.7 miles southeast of the City of Santa Nella.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: B&B Communications will excavate an approximately 6 foot long by 6 foot wide by 5 foot deep area at milepost (MP) 70.82R to repair a DWR communication line. About 7 cubic yards of material will be excavated. Once excavation is complete, the existing cable will be inspected and tested, and any corrosion will be removed. A new splice case, air line attachment, and a new pressure treated post will be installed. When the work is complete, the area will be backfilled and compacted. DWR's San Luis Field Division 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: 15301
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: The project involves locating, testing, and installing a new splice box for an existing communication line. This work will not increase the use of the communication line. Categorical Exemption 15301 (Existing Facilities) 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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