

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: California Department of Water Resources

Project Title: Arroyo Pasajero Westside Detention Basin Railroad Trestle Vegetation Removal

Project Location City & County: Huron, Fresno County

Project Location – Specific: Approximately 0.13 miles west of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) Check 19 and 2 miles east of the City of Huron.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Vegetation and debris will be removed from the pond that is north and south of the railroad trestle in the Westside Detention Basin, this vegetation is between the trestle and the Aqueduct. The pond is currently dry. All vegetation will be removed, except trees measuring 4-inch diameter at breast height (DBH) or greater. Trees measuring 4 DBH or greater that are along the pond boundary have been tied with red flagging; these flagged trees will not be cut. Additionally, no trees north of the dirt road or south of the southern end of the pond will be removed. Approximately 150 cubic yards of soil will be excavated from under the railroad trestle to facilitate conveyance of water; the excavated soil will be added to the existing dirt roads or embankments. Debris will be disposed of at an appropriate off-site location. State Water Project users will benefit.

Exempt/Suspend Status:

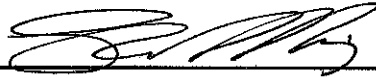
- Ministerial (§21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])
- Categorical Exemption: 15301 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Work will occur in a dry pond located under the existing railroad trestle in the DWR right-of-way; the work will facilitate water conveyance under the trestle, but no increase in capacity or expansion of the railroad trestle or pond will occur. Categorical exemption 15301 (Existing Facilities) applies.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

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Signature:  **Date:** 12/30/17 **Title:** UC Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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