

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: California Aqueduct MP 89.27R Vegetation Removal

Project Location City & County: Merced County

Project Location – Specific: The right (R) side of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) at milepost (MP) 89.27, located about 11 miles southwest of the City of Dos Palos.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Under supervision of DWR's San Luis field Division (SLFD), the California Conservation Corps will remove vegetation from the ponding basin at MP 89.27R. Vegetation will be removed using chainsaws and other hand tools. Removed woody vegetation will be chipped onsite and the chipped material will be spread in the basin; vegetation that cannot be chipped will be piled along the v-ditch and Aqueduct road shoulder on the northeastern boundary of the basin; the piles will be burned when there is an authorized burn day under SLFD's burn permit. Stumps from cut woody vegetation will be treated with herbicide to prevent regrowth. A backhoe will be used to move the piles of cut vegetation; no sediment removal will occur during this project. Trash and debris will be removed and disposed of at an appropriate offsite location. This work may occur annually. State Water Project users will benefit.

Exempt/Suspend Status:

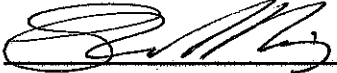
- Ministerial (§21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])
- Categorical Exemption: 15301 (Existing Facilities)
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Work involves clearing vegetation and debris from an existing DWR ponding basin. The work will help return the basin to its design capacity, but the design capacity of the basin will not increase and there will be no expansion of use. Categorical Exemption 15301 applies.

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

Contact Person:

Telephone:

Signature:  Date: 1/22/20 Title: UC Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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