

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO: X Office of Planning & Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

FROM: Lead Agency,
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa
Water Storage District
12109 Highway 166
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TO: X County Clerk
County of Kern
1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Bakersfield, California 93301

Project Title:

Traveling Water Screen at Turnout WRM-9A Located Near California Aqueduct Mile Post 279.02

Project Location - Specific:

Section 22, Township 11 North, Range 20 West, S.B.B.M. adjacent to the California Aqueduct

Project Location - City: N/A

County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District's installation, operation and maintenance of a new traveling water screen in an existing vault within the State of California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") right-of-way at Aqueduct Turnout WRM-9A, together with trenching to bury two 2-inch diameter electrical conduits. The Project may require an encroachment permit from the DWR. The Project also involves placing certain accessory items needed for operation and maintenance in the DWR's right-of-way, including three electrical conduit pull boxes, a 15-foot x 20-foot concrete debris collection pad with drain and 4-foot-tall blocks walls, safety rails, a new pole-mounted light, a steel work platform, a maximum 6-foot-tall aboveground electrical enclosure, and 16-foot-wide double swing gates. The total length of conduit will be less than 200 feet and the footprint of the project will occupy less than 0.04 acres. The work area is limited to developed land devoid of vegetation including compacted vehicle access areas and embankments. The project will facilitate the continued operation and maintenance of an existing water conveyance turnout. The District and its landowners and water users are beneficiaries of the project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial - Section 15268
- Declared Emergency - Section 15269(a)
- Emergency Project - Section 15269(b)(c)
- Statutory Exemption - § 15261 ("Ongoing Project") & § 15273(a) ("Rates & Charges")
- Categorical Exemption - state type and section number:**
Classes 1 (§ 15301), 3 (§15303), and 4 (§15304)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Class 1 – Operation and Maintenance of Existing Facility – The project will facilitate the continued operation and maintenance of an existing water conveyance facility involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use of the same.

Class 3 – New Construction of Small Structures - The project consists of extending two 2-inch diameter electrical conduits to supply power to a new traveling water screen at an existing Aqueduct Turnout together with providing minor accessory structures such as a concrete debris collection pad, safety rails, lights, a work platform, an aboveground electrical enclosure, and gates.

Class 4 – Minor Alteration to Land - The projects involves minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

Lead Agency

Contact Person

Phone

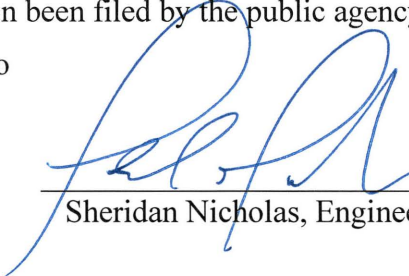
Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District
Thomas Suggs, Staff Engineer

(661) 527-6064

If filed by applicant: N/A

1. Attached certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?
 Yes No

Date: 3/13, 2020



Sheridan Nicholas, Engineer-Manager

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
- Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 16, 2020
TO: Office of Planning & Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
FROM: Thomas Suggs *TRS*

REMARKS:

Please find enclosed the following:

- Notice of Exemption for the project, Traveling Water Screen at Turnout WRM-9A Located Near California Aqueduct Mile Post 279.02
- Extra copy and return envelope

Will you kindly acknowledge and return one copy?