

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water
Resources, San Joaquin Field
Division
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313

County Clerk
County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: 2020 Coastal Outage

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division

Project Location – Specific:

Coatasl Branch: Devils Den Pumping Plant(MP14.86), Bluestone Pumping Plant(MP19.05), and Polonio Pumping Plant(MP26.54).

Project Location – City: Lost Hills

Project Location –
County:

Kern, San Luis
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Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) San Joaquin Field Division (SJFD) performs yearly maintenance to the State Water Project (SWP). This requires that specific portions of the California Aqueduct (CAAQ) coastal branch be shut down and emptied of all water, so that SJFD personnel can safely perform the various maintenance activities (electrical, mechanical, corrosion protection, inspection). This work, known as the 2020 Coastal Outage, will require the dewatering of the Devil's Den Pumping Plant Forebay(DEPP), the Bluestone Pumping Plant Forebay(BLPP), and Polonio Pumping Plant forebay(POPP). Water from BLPP and POPP will be discharged into an adjacent natural drainages. Water from DEPP will be discharged into a nearby sediment basin. The 2019 Coastal Outage will begin on October 5, 2020 and end November 25, 2020. Dewatering activities will begin will take approximately 10-14 days to complete. The project benefits public and private lands that depend on the California Aqueduct water delivery.

Name of Public Agency Approving
Project:

California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out
Project:

DWR - San Joaquin Field Division

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section

15301 (b)

number:

- Statutory Exemptions. State code

number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project consists of maintenance activities that support the function of the California Aqueduct and water delivery within the State Water Project.


Lead Agency

Contact Person: Juan Arellano Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661.858.5664

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 06/30/2020 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____