

Notice of Exemption

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From: Dept. of Water Resources
San Luis Field Division, 31770 Gonzaga Rd.
Gustine, CA 95322

Project Title: California Aqueduct Milepost 118.45L Westlands Water District Air Valve Repair or Replacement

Project Location City and County: Fresno County

Project Location, Specific: The project is located on the left side (L) of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) at MP 118.45, approximately 0.98 miles south of the intersection of Manning Avenue and the Aqueduct.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Westlands Water District (WWD) has requested permission to encroach in DWR's right-of-way to excavate an approximately 10-foot-wide by 10-foot-long by 6-foot-deep area at MP 118.45L. WWD will first remove a protective concrete cylinder and will then excavate about 10 cubic yards of material. This material will be stockpiled next to the excavated area. Then, a 5-foot section of vertical PVC pipe that ties into the subline will be removed to access the air release valve. The valve will be inspected and will either be repaired or replaced using hand tools. Once the air valve is repaired or replaced, the 5-foot section of vertical PVC pipe will be replaced with galvanized pipe. The area will be backfilled and compacted, and the protective concrete cylinder will be installed in its original location. WWD benefits.

Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources, as Responsible Agency

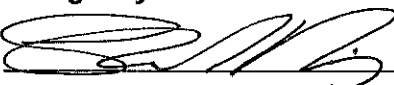
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westlands Water District

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 number: 15305(b)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: WWD requests encroachment permission to repair or replace an existing valve in DWR's right-of-way. DWR is the Responsible Agency issuing an encroachment permit to WWD. Work consists of minor alterations to land with an average slope of less than 20 percent. Categorical Exemption 15305(b) (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations--Issuance of Minor Encroachment Permits) applies. WWD is responsible for any additional CEQA and will obtain any necessary permits.

Responsible Agency Contact:

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