

## Notice of Exemption

7/22/2020

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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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 Reach 3A Erosion Repairs

**Project Location City & County:** Merced County

**Project Location – Specific:** Erosions will be repaired, throughout Reach 3A of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct), immediately east of and below Sisk Dam. Additional fill material will be taken from existing San Luis Field Division (SLFD) soil stockpiles.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** SLFD will repair erosions, as needed, along existing roads and v-ditches in Aqueduct Reach 3A. The eroded material onsite will first be used to backfill the erosions; if additional material is needed, it will be transported from existing SLFD stockpiles. After being backfilled, the erosions will be compacted either by rolling with a sheep's foot roller or by tamping with the bucket of an excavator or backhoe. The eroded sites will be recontoured to their original slope. This work will be conducted annually. State Water Project Contractors 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:** As needed, the project will repair erosions along existing roads and v-ditches in Aqueduct Reach 3A. Repairs are necessary to prevent access roads from becoming unusable, but will not increase the capacity or use of the roads. Categorical Exemption 15301 (Existing Facilities) applies.

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

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Signed by Lead Agency

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Applicant

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