

# Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources  
Division of Operations and Maintenance  
1416 9th Street, Sacramento CA 95814

County Clerk  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

Project Title: Pyramid Helicopter Herbicide Treatment (OM-SFD-2020-002)

Project Location - Specific:

LAT: 34°38'39.19"N, LONG: 118°45'40.31"W

Cross Streets: Interstate 5 and Vista del Lago Rd

Project Location – City: Castaic

Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR will utilize a Contractor to apply an herbicide treatment to Pyramid Lake to address elevated levels of taste and odor. The helicopter work will last approximately four hours with staging and groundwork lasting an additional four hours. The helicopter will be used to apply roughly 21,000 pounds of herbicide to about 700 square acres of the lakes main body with an estimated 42 loads. The helicopter application will be supporting shoreline treatment by boat. The staging area will be the parking lot at Pyramid Dam. All work is within DWR right of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Water Resources

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: Class 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301(b)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and important services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves routine maintenance activities for a safe water supply. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. Because this activity can be implemented without any significant environmental impacts, the Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Sara Paiva-Lowry

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 653-9342

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: Sara Paiva-Lowry

Date: 8/4/2020

Title: Chief, Environmental Regulatory Compliance Section

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Applicant

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