

# 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:

Coastal Branch: Devil's Den Pumping Plant (DEPP) (MP 14.86) (35.712430, -120.010314), Bluestone Pumping Plant (BLPP) (MP 19.05) (35.707714, -120.082642), and Polonio Pass Pumping Plant (POPP) (MP 26.54) (35.730577, -120.206796).

Project Location – City: Lost Hills

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) San Joaquin Field Division (SJFD) will shut down and dewater specific areas of the California Aqueduct coastal branch, in order to safely perform various maintenance activities (electrical, mechanical, corrosion protection, inspection, and cleaning). This yearly work is called the Coastal Outage. For the 2020 Coastal Outage, the forebays for DEPP, BLPP, and POPP will be dewatered. Water from DEPP will be discharged into a nearby sediment basin. Water from BLPP and POPP will be discharged into an adjacent natural drainage. The 2020 Coastal Outage will begin in early to mid-October and last until the end of November. Dewatering activities will take approximately 14 days to complete. The project benefits the public and private sector, which depends on the California Aqueduct for 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));

15301 (b)

Categorical Exemption. State type and section 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: Elizabeth Maldonado

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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: Elizabeth Maldonado Date: 09/25/20 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: \_\_\_\_\_