

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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: Pearblossom Forebay Dredging 2020 (OM-SFD-2020-1012)

Project Location - Specific:

California Aqueduct Mile Marker 360.53. N 34o 30' 40.89", W 117o 55' 15.09". Cross Streets: 116 Street E & CA-138

Project Location – City: Palmdale Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project involves removal of approximately 9,000 cubic yards deposited material from the bottom of the California Aqueduct. The material collects in front of the plant's pumps and impedes the flow of water to the pumps. Overtime, some material passes through and causes unnecessary wear of the pumps due to the abrasive nature of the sediment. The removed material will be spoiled 1/2 mile Northeast of the plant in an old spoil basin. The retention basin will be cleared of any brush to prepare for material extracted from the forebay. Existing roads will be used for staging and all work will be 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. 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: Francisco Llamas Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (661) 944-8568

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: 10/12/2020 Title: Chief, Engineering Branch Southern Field Division

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Signed by Applicant

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