

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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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: Arroyo Pasajero Westside Detention Basin Access Roads

Project Location City & County: Fresno County

Project Location – Specific: The project is approximately 2.2 miles north of the city of Huron, about 2,920 feet west of Lassen Avenue and extending east to Siskiyou Avenue.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: DWR's San Luis Field Division (SLFD) will grade two 20-foot wide dirt access roads on the north and south of Arroyo Pasajero. These roads will connect existing embankment roads to Siskiyou Avenue. The road north of Arroyo Pasajero will be approximately 2370 feet long; the road south of Arroyo Pasajero will be approximately 1610 feet long. Vegetation removal will be minimal, only the amount necessary to grade the roads will be removed. No trees will be felled for this work, but, if necessary, previously burned Tamarisk (*Tamarix* sp.) logs and other vegetation will be pushed out of the area to be graded. The logs and vegetation will be placed up to 30 feet north of the northern road and south of the southern road. Construction of these roads will enable better access for monitoring during flood events, will allow safer traffic flow when SLFD works in the Arroyo Pasajero, and will enable field crews and equipment to access Siskiyou Avenue. SLFD and the SWP 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: Categorical Exemption 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: This work involves grading two roads to improve access and safety. The work will occur in an area with slopes of less than 10 percent and will not involve removal of mature, healthy, or scenic trees. Categorical Exemption 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) applies.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: 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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