

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Modification of the Berrenda Mesa 3 Turnout

Location -- Specific: Approximately, Milepost 13.08 of the California Aqueduct's Coastal Branch.

Location -- County: Kern County

Description of Activity: The proposed project is to modify the existing Berrenda Mesa 3 Turnout. Modifications will include a traveling water screen and conveyor belt system that will dispose of trash into a landing pit, along with associated electrical work.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Berrenda Mesa Water District (lead agency), Department of Water Resources (responsible agency).

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemption

Reasons why activity is exempt: The proposed project is a minor alteration of an existing facility that involves negligible or no expansion of existing use and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Existing Facilities (Section 15301).

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