

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

(Address)

Project Title: Geomorphic Mapping at the California Aqueduct MP 230

Project Location - Specific: The proposed Project is approximately four miles south of Buttonwillow adjacent to the California Aqueduct near Milepost 230. Coordinates: 35°20'24"N 119°27'05.76"W.

Project Location – City: Buttonwillow

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of pedestrian surveys conducted by up to two geologists to evaluate land features, exposures and outcrops that may yield information directly related to the geomorphic mapping effort. One or more soil pits in each soil type will be dug by hand using a garden trowel or small folding trench shovel. Pits will be less than 24" deep and 24" across. A maximum of 40 samples, under one gallon each, will be collected. Samples will be used to describe geologic and pedologic characteristics of the materials and surrounding soils. Upon completion, each hole will be backfilled with original material and ground will be returned to original condition.

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: Statutory Exemptions. State codenumber:

Class 6 (Sec. 15306) Information Collection

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of basic data collection and does not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. No sensitive biological or cultural resources have been identified in the area.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shelly Amrhein Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-661-1970

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: Shelly Amrhein Date: 10/30/2020 Title: Environmental Program Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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