

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: 2021 Vegetation Control Program

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division (SJFD)

Project Location – Specific:
MP 172.58-293.45 and Coastal Branch MP 0.0-14.84

Project Location – City: Bakersfield, Lost Hills, Kettleman City

Project Location – County: Kern, Kings, San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The SJFD vegetation control program is an annual/routine maintenance program that the field division performs to control growth of unwanted vegetation along the aqueduct roads, structures, and buildings. The SJFD vegetation control program is critical in meeting aqueduct visibility, accessibility, and drainage requirements, as well as to protect the structural integrity of aqueduct embankments and structures. To control vegetation, herbicides are sprayed along aqueduct roads, fence-lines, bar/v-ditches. Plant debris is then removed and burned at designated burn sites located along the aqueduct's 5:1 slope, paved/gravel areas on access roads, within clear staging areas near pumping plants facilities, and spoil sites. The vegetation control program extends, on both sides of the aqueduct, from MP172.58 to MP 293.45 of the State Water Project and from MP 0.00 to MP 14.84 of the Coastal Branch. Spraying may also occur in areas within and around pumping plants and other structures located within the DWR right-of-way.

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 Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-858-5662

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: 12/9/20 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: _____