

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: State Clearinghouse
Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 222
Sacramento, CA 95814-3044

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: San Luis Reservoir Monitoring Wells

LOCATION: San Luis Reservoir

COUNTY: Merced

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Construct additional ground water monitoring wells to address data gaps, establish and/or enhance "baseline" conditions of groundwater and assist with remedial planning at San Luis Reservoir to fulfill requirements of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (CVRWQCB). Work will:

- Install seven additional groundwater wells down and cross gradient from the San Luis Reservoir release area;
- Conduct semi-annual groundwater sampling of existing and proposed monitoring wells, with associated reporting;
- Generate an updated CSM that includes the additional data proposed to be collected in this work plan;
- Installation of eight SVE extraction wells in the proposed pilot study area;
- Wells will be created by a C-57 licensed drilling contractor using a 6"-8" diameter hollow stem auger to drill to the necessary depth with a flush mounted well vault completion;
- Monitoring wells will total 70' depth and 8" Diameter, and will consist of 2' SCH 40 PVC, San Filter Pack, Bentonite Filter, and a Cement Seal; and
- Wells will be covered by a locking well cap and a mounted well box that will be flush with the ground.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Central Valley District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 3, 4, & 6

Section: 15303, 15304, & 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of construction of limited numbers of new, small structures; minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and basic data collection which does not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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