

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Dept. of Water Resources
San Luis Field Division
31770 Gonzaga Road
Gustine, CA 95322

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Project Title: Excavation for Feeder Power Line Cable Repair

Project Location City & County: Gustine, Merced County

Project Location – Specific: The work will take place within the San Luis Field Division Operation and Maintenance Yard. The work area will be 1.12 mile long, which stretches from the Heavy Equipment Storage Building to Gianelli Pumping Generating Plant.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: A power line running from the Heavy Equipment Storage Building to Gianelli Pumping/Generating Plant will be inspected and repaired, if necessary. The dimensions for the trench will be 4 ft deep by 5 feet wide. At an area where a christy box will need to be installed due to cable splicing, the excavation area will be 5ft wide by 5ft deep by 5ft long; possibly 2-3 boxes can be installed. A 2500 ft long section of trench might need to be excavated to make necessary repairs. All trenches will be backfilled and compacted once all work is complete. This work will benefit the State Water Project.

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: 15301(m)
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: DWR as a Responsible Agency will issue a clearance to excavate and test a power line cable and repair. Repair of this power line will provide power to operate the dam and facilities; the work will not increase the capacity or use of the dam and facilities. Categorical Exemption 15301(m) (Existing Facilities-Minor Repairs and Alterations to Existing Dams and Appurtenant Structures Under the Supervision of the Department of Water Resources) applies.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: DWR as Responsible Agency

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- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant