

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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)

County Clerk

County of _____

Project Title: Physical Security Modernization Project - Bethany and Banks Pumping Plant Drilling Exploration 2021 (OM-DFD-2021-007)

Project Location - Specific:

California Aqueduct (CAAQ) and Bethany Reservoir. Mile Markers: 3.04 to 5.95.

Coordinates: 37°47'58.44"N, 121°37'3.51"W. Cross Streets: Kelso Rd and Bruns Road

Project Location – City: _____ Project Location – County: Contra Costa and Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR shall perform exploration drilling at 12 locations near Banks Pumping Plant (BPP) and Bethany Reservoir (BR) for subsurface sampling. Boreholes greater than five feet and dry exploration holes will be backfilled with a cement-bentonite mixture. If groundwater is encountered the boring will be backfilled from the bottom-up. Any borings five feet deep or less will be backfilled with drill cuttings. Waste generated from drilling activities will be contained and placed in drums for disposal at an approved waste facility. Large staging areas will be at the BPP and the BR parking lots. All work is within DWR right of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water ResourcesName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Water ResourcesExempt 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: Class 6, Information Collection, Section No. 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and important services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves data collection activities for a safe water supply. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. Because this activity can be implemented without any significant environmental impacts, the Categorical Exemption Class 6 will be used for CEQA compliance.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Sara Paiva-Lowry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 653-9342

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: Sara Paiva-Lowry Date: 2/25/2021 Title: Chief, Environmental Regulatory Compliance Section

 Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

 Signed by Applicant

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