

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: CAAQ Pool 1 Underchute Outlet Vegetation Removal (OM-DFD-2021-017)

Project Location - Specific:

Coordinates are Latitude 37°47'31.34"N, Longitude 121°37'28.00"W. Cross Streets are Christensen Road and CAAQ bikeway.

The Pool 1 structures in the project area are located at Mile Markers 3.81, 4.32, and 4.43. They are upstream of Bethany Reservoir.

Project Location – City: UnincorporatedProject Location – County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR and California Conservation Corps will perform maintenance at underchute inlet and outlet structures of Pool 1 in the California Aqueduct (CAAQ). Staff will use chainsaws, weed whackers, and hand tools to clear vegetation from the surrounding area. Removed vegetation will be hauled out by hand and placed in dumpsters located in staging areas on the crest road for disposal at an approved offsite facility. All equipment staging will be located along the paved roadway. No vegetation removal will occur inside channel or wet areas. All work is within DWR right of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water ResourcesName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Water Resources and contractorExempt 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 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301 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 routine maintenance activities. 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 1 will be used for CEQA compliance.

Lead Agency

Contact Person:

Sara Paiva-LowryArea 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 NoSignature: Sara Paiva-Lowry Date: 7/28/2021 Title: Mgr, Envir. Regulatory Compliance Section Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

 Signed by Applicant

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