

Notice of Exemption

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From: Dept. of Water Resources
San Luis Field Division, 31770 Gonzago Rd.
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Project Title: California Aqueduct MP 151.19R Westlands Water District Valve Replacement

Project Location City and County: Huron, Fresno County

Project Location, Specific: Work will occur in the right of way (ROW) of the right side (R) of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) at milepost (MP) 151.19R. The worksite is located approximately 4.6 miles north of the City of Huron in Fresno County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Westland Water District (WWD) has requested permission to encroach in California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) ROW to replace a broken valve. Before the valve is removed, a bypass pump trailer will be used to feed water from the Aqueduct to a pipe downstream of the valve. Using an excavator and backhoe, WWD will excavate a 10-foot-wide by 10-foot-long by 8-foot-deep area (approximately 29.6 cubic yards) approximately 30 feet northwest of the Lateral 22R pumping plant at MP 151.19R; the soil will be stockpiled next to the excavated area. A demolition saw and hand tools will be used to detach and remove the broken valve and adjacent portions of pipe, if necessary. A new 24-inch butterfly valve will be installed using hand tools and a 24-inch steel coupling and a flange to plain end adapter will be installed with hand tools to join the new valve to the existing pipe. When the new valve has been installed and flow through the pipe is restored, the bypass pump trailer will be removed. The excavated area will then be backfilled to the original elevation with the excavated soil using an excavator and backhoe and compacted to 90 percent or higher compaction. WWD Contractors will benefit.

Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources, as Responsible Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westland Water District

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));

X Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15305(b) Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations; issuance of minor encroachment permits

- Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: WWD requests encroachment permission to replace a valve in DWR's ROW. Work consists of minor alterations to land with an average slope of less than 20 percent. Categorical Exemption 15305(b) (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations - Issuance of Minor Encroachment Permits) applies.

Responsible Agency Contact:

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