

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: Pine Flat 230kV Tap Vegetation Removal Work 2021 (OM-SJFD-2021-001)

Project Location - Specific:

Pine Flat 230kV Transmission Line. Coordinates: 36°49'41.21"N, 119°19'43.83"W.

Cross Streets: Pine Flat and White Deer Road

Project Location – City: Sanger Project Location – County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR and Contractor will remove vegetation within the 230k Tap line right-of-way at Pine Flat Lake. The vegetation work comprises of 27 Blue Oak trees. The trees will be felled in place by contractors with chain saws. Approximately four inches of trunk will be left and treated with herbicide by hand sprayer. Trees and trimming will be fed into chippers. The wood chips will be spread across the ground on site to eliminate green waste. Equipment will be hauled to and from the site by pickups. Equipment will be staged in the immediate area on existing disturbed area and roadway.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Water Resources

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));
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301(b)
 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-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: 9/29/2021 Title: Manager, Regulatory Compliance Section

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
 Signed by Applicant

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