

**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: Clifton Court Forebay Trenching Station 48 to 75 (OM-DFD-2021-024)

Project Location - Specific:

Coordinates: 37°49'14.84"N, 121°35'3.81"W. Cross Streets: Byron Highway and Clifton Court Road.

SWP Facility: Clifton Court Forebay Dam. Mile Markers: ~Station 49+00 to 58+00 and ~Station 70+00 to 75+00

Project Location – City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location – County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR staff will use mechanical excavation and hand augers to investigate longitudinal cracks along the downstream embankment of the Clifton Court Forebay. Marker paint will be used to gauge trenching depths. A nuclear density probe will be used at the same locations. Grab samples will be taken off site for analysis. Water trucks will be used to mimic natural precipitation for analysis. Soil cuttings will be back filled into trenches by excavator. To the extent possible, staging will be on established roadways and improved 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: 10/1/2021 Title: Manager, Environmental Regulatory Compliance Section

 Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

 Signed by Applicant

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