

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: Reverse Flow Pumping – CA Aqueduct Check Structures 22, 23, 25, 27

Project Location - Specific:

California Aqueduct. Mile Markers: MM 184.82 to MM 231.73. Coordinates: 35°51'03.4"N, 119°53'25.1"W. Cross Streets: 25th Avenue and Utica Avenue (start), Tupman Road and Taft Highway (finish).

Project Location – City: _____ Project Location – County: Kern County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR staff will work with a Contractor to complete the CAAQ reverse flow project. The Contractor will install temporary pumps and piping that will pump water around closed gates at Check sites 22, 23, 25, and 27 to allow water to be delivered upstream to turnouts located along the stretch of CAAQ in the project area. Pumps will not be anchored to the ground. The pumps will operate in combination based on delivery demands of the Water Contractors. All equipment will be laid out within each check structure fence line. 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 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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt pursuant to items 3, 9, and 11 of the Governor’s May 10, 2021 Drought Emergency Proclamation and CEQA is suspended for this project. The exceptional drought conditions have caused water deliveries to be halted to multiple contractors. Water is available in the Kern and Semitropic water banks that can be delivered to customers to prevent significant damages associated with drought conditions

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: 10/13/2021 Title: Manager, Environmental Regulatory Compliance Section

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

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