

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: DWR Bale Storage

Project Location (include county): The Project is located at the Imperial Wildlife Area, Wister Unit, about 4.5 miles northwest of the City of Niland, CA, in the County of Imperial State of California; Latitude 33.27530° N, Longitude 115.58751° W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed the Right of Entry Permit to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the DWR Bale Storage for the State of California’s Salton Sea Management Program (Project).

The Project is limited to providing DWR and/or their contractors access to the Imperial Wildlife Area, Wister Unit, hay bale storage site (Site), improving access roads as needed, storage of approximately 170,000 hay bales at the Site, installation of a “track out” plate at entrance, dust suppression by a water truck during delivery days, installation of temporary fencing around the Site, and unarmed security patrols at the Site seven days a week from dusk to dawn for the duration of bale storage. Storage is anticipated to not exceed approximately four months. Bales are to be used for the State of California’s Salton Sea Management Program.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

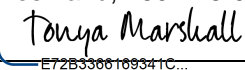
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Water Resources

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304 (a) Minor Alteration to Land, Grading, Minor temporary use of land.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it involves minor temporary use of land having negligible permanent effects on the environment and grading of land with a slope of less than 10 percent.

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Signature:  *Date:* 10/11/2021
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