

Notice of Exemption

To:
Office of Planning and Research
For U.S. Mail:
P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Region 4
1234 East Shaw Ave.
Fresno, CA 93710



Street Address:
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Fossil Canyon Guzzler Project

Project Location: The project location is in Fossil Canyon at approximately 35.113719, -119.904806, in San Luis Obispo County, within the Taylor Canyon watershed, approximately 4.5 miles north of State Route 166 in the Cuyama Valley, on the Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve. The project location is within the SW ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 26, T32 R19E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, on the Taylor Canyon USGS 7.5' topographic quadrangle map.

Project Description: The Fossil Canyon Guzzler Project entails replacing an existing, broken concrete cattle trough and metal tank with a rain shed, 1100-gallon poly (plastic) water tank, and wildlife trough. The water line from an existing water tank will be excavated and replaced. The rain shed will be 18 feet by 18 feet square, anchored to wood posts. The structure will shed rainwater into a tank. The tank pad will be 12 feet by 12 feet square, above ground, and filled with smooth gravel. The tank will be 1100 gallons, about 5 feet tall and 6 feet in diameter. A trough will be installed with a footprint 3 feet wide by 13 feet long and 18 inches deep and plumbed to the tank via a pipe in a trench. The trench will be about 1 foot deep, 4 inches wide, and 40 feet long. The project will affect annual grassland and saltbush.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: This project involve minor alterations and no expansion of use of the existing facilities. The guzzler construction will restore a wildlife water source at an existing, failed tank and trough site that was originally installed for cattle grazing and wildlife.

CDFW Contact Person: Dave Hacker (805) 594-6152

Signature:

Julie Vance
FA83F09FE08945A...

Date: 10/21/2021

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date received for filing at OPR: _____