

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Department of State Hospitals
1600 Ninth Street, Room 120
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Project Title: Hydronic Loop Replacement

Project Location – Specific: 24511 W. Jayne Avenue

Project Location - City: Coalinga

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is construction of a Hydronic Loop to provide piping for the distribution of hot water to Coalinga State Hospital campus. This project will replace the existing heating hot water supply/heating hot water return (HHW) system due to significant leaking of the joints of the current underground HHW pipes due to highly corrosive soils. Work will include installation of approximately 20,000 liner feet of direct buried pipe and associated fittings for the HHW distribution piping looped around the campus connecting to 28 buildings using 15 lateral connecting pipes from the main loop, installation of utility boxes at all 15 junction points, and replacement of 80 chilled water supply valves.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of State Hospitals

Name of Person Carrying Out Project: Debi Nishimoto, DSH (debi.nishimoto@dsh.ca.gov)

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption: Section 15301 – Existing Facility

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 exemption allows for the minor alteration of existing public facilities that involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

The State confirms that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of an exemption for this project. The project will not have a significant effect on resources in the area.

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Lead Agency Contact Person: Robert Horsley Telephone: (916) 562-2298

Signature:  **Date:** 12/8/2021
Title: Chief, Business Management Branch

Signed by Lead Agency: Yes

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.