

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water
Resources, San Joaquin Field
Division
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313

County Clerk
County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Wheeler Ridge MCI/Verizon Fiber Repair

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division

Project Location – Specific:
California Aqueduct from (MP273.75) to (MP275).

Project Location – City: Mettler

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A section of an existing fiber optic line that runs along the secondary access road of the California Aqueduct is damaged and needs to be replaced. A contractor will install approximately 6800ft. of new fiber optic line along the same secondary road just adjacent to the existing line. The damaged line can fail at any moment shut down communications. This would negatively impact water deliveries along the State Water Project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

DWR - San Joaquin Field Division

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)); 15301 (b)
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section

number:

- Statutory Exemptions. State code

number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project consists of maintenance activities that support the function of the California Aqueduct and water delivery within the State Water Project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Juan Arellano Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661.858.5664

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:  Date: 12/10/21 Title: Sr. Env. Scientist

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____