

# Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Dept. of Water Resources  
San Luis Field Division  
31770 Gonzaga Road  
Gustine, CA 95322

**Lead Agency:** California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

**Project Title:** Excavation for Electric Duct Bank Install

**Project Location City & County:** Gustine, Merced County

**Project Location – Specific:** The work will take place within the San Luis Field Division Operation and Maintenance Yard addressed at 31770 Gonzaga Road. The work will be located between the administration building and the heavy equipment storage building, which is 0.15 miles long.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** DWR will cut a 0.15 miles long trench that goes from the administration building to the heavy equipment storage building within the San Luis Field Division Operation and Maintenance Yard. The trench will be 3 feet wide by 4 feet deep, and a new cable housed inside a PCV pipe will be installed into it once it is completed. Two to three pull boxes will be installed as necessary, and they will have dimensions of 48" wide by 30" length and 36" deep. All excavated areas will be backfilled and compacted once all work is complete.

### Exempt/Suspend Status:

- Ministerial (§21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])
- Categorical Exemption: 15301(m) Existing Facilities-Minor Repairs and Alterations to Existing Dams and Appurtenant Structures Under the Supervision of the Department of Water Resources)
- Statutory Exemptions:

**Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:** DWR as a Lead Agency will issue a clearance to excavate and test a power line cable and repair. Repair of this power line will provide power to operate the facilities; the work will not increase the capacity or use of the facilities. Categorical Exemption 15301(m) (Existing Facilities-Minor Repairs and Alterations to Existing Dams and Appurtenant Structures Under the Supervision of the Department of Water Resources) applies.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** DWR as Lead Agency

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**Signature:**  **Date:** 1/21/22 **Title:** UCLW Supervisor

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant