

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): California Department of Water Resources, Division of Environmental Services 3500 Industrial Blvd., 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691
(Address)

County Clerk
County of: _____

Project Title: Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates Refurbishment Project- Concrete Overpour Removal

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

The Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates (SMSCG) are located on Montezuma Slough in southeastern Suisun Marsh (Marsh), in Solano County, California; at Coordinates 38.09322° N, 121.8864° W.

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Solano

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

During an underwater inspection performed on September 24, 2020, the diver found an overpour of concrete/grout at the bottom sealing the surface of SMSCG Bay 1's stoplog slots. The overpour is roughly 12-feet long by 9-feet wide by 5-inches high and is preventing the removal of the radial gate at Bay 1 for refurbishment by inhibiting stoplog installation. Removal of the overpour would be necessary before installation of the stoplog and removal of the gate for refurbishment could occur. While Gate 1 is in the down position, DWR proposes to remove the overpour in 2022 by installing a silt curtain from stoplog bullnose to adjacent bullnose to prevent any turbidity from debris entering the water from cleaning or overpour removal. The overpour area would be cleaned via a water jet pressure washer to clear mud, debris, and aquatic growth from the concrete. The overpour would be chipped down to within 1 inch of the bottom seal plate using a rivet buster and then would be ground smooth using a hydraulic grinder until the sealing surface is smooth and level. During the cleaning process and concrete chipping/grinding, a vacuum pump and silt bag would be used to remove all small concrete debris. Any larger debris would be pulled out by hand and removed by the diver. Collected concrete materials would be properly disposed of offsite. The silt/turbidity curtain would be installed per manufacturer specifications and secured with rope above high water and with anchor points. The silt curtain would be deployed prior to the start for this activity and remain in place until work for this activity is complete and the suspended soils enclosed within the silt curtain settle out. The curtain would be extended in necessary areas to achieve full containment of all cleaning and removal of the concrete overpour (i.e., if Gate 1 must remain open, the silt curtain(s) would wrap around the entire work area to achieve full containment).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

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

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declaration Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3);15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4);15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301, Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because it consists of the repair and maintenance of the existing SMSCG facility by removal of the concrete overpour described above. The SMSCG is an existing artificial waterway device used to control salinity in the Suisun Marsh to meet permit conditions of the State Water Project. The project would not result in any exceptions, listed under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, requiring the preparation of environmental documents under CEQA.

Lead Agency _____ Area Code/
Contact Person: Philip Choy Telephone/Extension: 916-376-9716

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: Philip Choy Date: 5/4/2022 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist)

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: _____