

Notice of Exemption

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From: Dept. of Water Resources
San Luis Field Division, 31770 Gonzago Rd.
Gustine, CA 95322

Project Title: California Aqueduct Milepost 113.00R Westlands Water District Valve and Booster Pump Installation

Project Location City and County: Fresno County

Project Location, Specific: The work will occur in DWR's right of way on the right (R) side of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) at milepost (MP) 113.00, approximately 1.13 miles south-southwest of the intersection of West Panoche Road and the Aqueduct. The work site is approximately 10.65 miles south-southwest of the city of Mendota. GPS coordinates for the site are 36.6568566, -120.5320791.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Westland Water District (WWD) has requested permission to encroach in the DWR right-of-way to remove and replace a section of pipeline and install a butterfly valve and booster pump at the pipeline irrigation crossing at MP 113.00R. An existing 12-inch diameter long-radius elbow pipe that is 50.75 inches long will be removed and replaced with a new 12-inch diameter standard elbow pipe that is 24 inches long. To remove the long-radius elbow pipe, WWD will unbolt it from the existing flange and connect the new standard elbow pipe to the flange. The standard elbow pipe will be attached to a booster pump that will be temporarily mounted on a five-foot wide by eight-foot-long trailer until a permanent location is identified by the adjacent property owner and WWD. A 12-inch butterfly valve will be installed downstream of the reducer to make the connection from the 18-inch diameter steel pipe that is attached to the undercrossing concrete block to the booster pump. The approximate work area size is 15 feet wide by 15 feet long. Excavation is not required for this work. The project is necessary to continue water deliveries to WWD Contractors. WWD and their Contractors will benefit.

Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources, as Responsible Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westlands Water District

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));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15305(b) Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations – Issuance of Minor Encroachment Permits

- Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: WWD requests encroachment permission from DWR to remove and replace a section of pipeline and install a butterfly valve and booster pump located in the DWR right-of-way. DWR, as the Responsible Agency, will issue an encroachment permit to WWD. Work will occur in areas with an average slope of less than 20 percent and no changes in land use or density will occur; Categorical Exemption 15305 (b) (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations - Issuance of Minor Encroachment Permits) applies to this project.

Responsible Agency Contact:

Signature: 

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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