

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: WRPP Bench Roads Repairs

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources (DWR), San Joaquin Field Division (SJFD)

Project Location - Specific:

Bench roads are located around Wheeler Ridge Pumping Plant (also known as Teerink Pumping Plant) at 35°01'54.8"N, 119°00'26.9"W off of Wheeler Ridge Access Rd.

Project Location - City: Mettler Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR SJFD staff plans to remove vegetation, repair drains, repair erosions, and re-grade 8.2 miles of bench roads surrounding the Wheeler Ridge Pumping Plant (WRPP). A spray rig will be used to remove vegetation. Drains would be replaced by hand. A backhoe will be used to repair erosions. A motor grader will be used to grade roads. A water truck will be used to control dust. Staging will take place at the WRPP. All work will take place within DWR's right of way. This work is necessary to maintain and safely access bench roads.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: DWR- Operations & Maintenance

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: Elizabeth Maldonado Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-858-5662

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: Elizabeth Maldonado Date: 07/13/22 Title: Environmental 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: