

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 Rd. CA 95322

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Project Title: San Luis Field Division Temporary Water Pipeline and Water Filling Station

Project Location City & County: Fresno

Project Location – Specific: The project, located in the Arroyo Pasajero (AP) Westside Detention Basin (WSDB), is about 1 mile north of Huron, 1 mile west of the California Aqueduct, and 1.5 miles south of State Route (SR) 198. More specifically, the eastern pipeline and fill station (eastern water fill station) footprint is located between SR 269 and Siskiyou Avenue in the area between the AP streambed, starting about 250 feet south of the channel, to about 60 feet north of West Marmon Avenue. The western pipeline and fill station (western water fill station) footprint is located about 0.5 miles west of SR 269 and within 100 feet north of West Marmon Avenue.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Eastern Water Fill Station: A temporary water pipeline will be constructed to connect the existing Westlands Water District (WWD) water supply at the intersection of West Marmon Avenue and Siskiyou Avenues to DWR's eastern water fill station located about 335 feet south of the AP channel. SLFD will prepare for the temporary pipeline construction by removing vegetation and smoothing the ground surface by grading an approximately 1.15 miles long and up to 25-foot wide area at an existing road, which will run west along West Marmon Avenue and then at an angle towards SR 269 and the AP channel. Once grading is complete, Rain for Rent® will install 10-inch diameter aluminum piping above ground between the water supply and eastern water fill station. The 10-inch diameter pipe will connect to the WWD water supply and cross approximately 45 feet northwest over Siskiyou Avenue and will continue to the north side of West Marmon Avenue to follow the proposed pipe alignment along the existing road. A 100-foot by 100-foot area will be graded at the eastern water fill station location and the fill station mechanism will be connected to the temporary pipeline. The pipeline will be located far enough to one side of the graded area to allow the area to be used as an access road if necessary.

Western Water Fill Station: A second temporary water pipeline will be constructed above ground to connect the existing WWD water supply located 10 feet north of West Marmon Avenue and 0.5 miles west from SR 269 to DWR's western water fill station. This western water fill station will be constructed within 100 feet of the WWD water supply. The ground will be graded (0.5 miles by 25-foot wide) from the western intersection of West Marmon Avenue and the AP channel to this western water fill station as an access road.

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: 15304
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: The project involves grading and then the construction of a temporary water pipeline that will be used to fill water trucks. Some vegetation will be removed, but no trees will be removed. Categorical Exemption 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) applies.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

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- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant