

**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: Clearing of brush and debris in holding ponds BHPP

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

Project Location – Specific:

Badger Hills Pumping Plant's three holding ponds (35°50'05.5"N 119°56'16.6"W) are located southeast of the plant. They can be accessed via a dirt road.

Project Location – City: Avenal

Project Location – County: Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR SJFD staff plans to clear out all vegetation, debris, and two feet of sediment out of the Badger Hills Pumping Plant (BHPP) holding ponds to allow storage of discharged water from the dredging of the canal and BHPP forebay. Staging will take place at the BHPP. A loader, bulldozer, and grader will be used to excavate. Sediment and debris will be placed in dump trucks and dumped off at the Devil's Den Pumping Plant spoil site. The intent of this project is to bring the holding ponds back to their original condition. This work is necessary for maintaining the California Aqueduct.

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: 9/6/2022 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: \_\_\_\_\_