

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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Department of Water
Resources, San Joaquin Field
Division
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313

County Clerk
County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: WGPP V-Ditch Cleaning

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division

Project Location – Specific:

Wind Gap Pumping plant (WGPP) is located at mile marker 280.36 (35°00'54.5"N, 118°58'47.8"W) of the California Aqueduct State Water Project. The spoil site (35°01'23.2"N 118°58'54.3"W) is located north of the plant and northwest of the San Joaquin O&M facility.

Project Location – City: Mettler Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Joaquin field division (SJFD) staff plans to remove a foot of the slope along the v-ditch surrounding the Wind Gap Pumping Plant (WGPP). This will be done by using a bobcat. A shovel will be used in places where the bobcat cannot reach. Soil will be transported via a dump truck to the San Joaquin O&M yard spoil site. A water truck will be used to soften the slope and to control dust. The work is anticipated to take up to 4 weeks to complete. This work is necessary to maintain the drainages surrounding the plant.

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: 9/8/2022 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: _____