

Notice of Exemption

Form D

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency) California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of San Joaquin County

(Address)

Project Title: California Aqueduct MP 4.46 Leakage at Bethany Reservoir, Geologic Exploration Plan

Project Location - Specific:
Bethany Reservoir Spillway MP 4.46 (LAT: -121.6205215, LONG: 37.7849969)

Project Location – City: Tracy Project Location – County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR is proposing a geologic exploration program of resistivity testing, geologic mapping, drilling, and soil and rock core sample collection, acoustic televiewer logging, laboratory testing, and piezometer installations. Project activities include the drilling of four core holes, with an additional alternative core hole if time permits. The maximum drill hole depth is anticipated to be approximately 100 feet bsg. The goal of the geological exploration is to provide sufficient geotechnical and geological information to develop a design to repair and remediate MP 4.46 which will allow for a focused and timely repair of MP 4.46 along the California Aqueduct.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Water Resources

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: Class 6; Section 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 6 exempts actions for data collection and resource evaluation which do not result in significant impact to an environmental resource. The goal of the geological exploration is to provide sufficient geotechnical and geological information to develop a design to repair and remediate MP 4.46. DWR has evaluated cultural and biological resources and have determined the project to not result in significant impacts.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mark Pagenkopp Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-376-9884

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: *Mark Pagenkopp* Date: 10/11/2022 Title: Senior Engineering Geologist

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
- Signed by Applicant

Revised 2005