

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency) Caltrans District 9
500 South Main St
Bishop, CA 93514
(Address)

County Clerk
County of: Kern

Project Title: Indian Wells Valley Water District Ridgecrest Waterline Repairs

Project Applicant: Indian Wells Valley Water District

Project Location—Specific:
State Route 178, from postmiles 97.75 to 98.25, within the westbound shoulder of the highway.

Project Location—City: Ridgecrest Project Location—County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Caltrans intends to issue a highway encroachment permit to Indian Wells Valley Water Dist. for the replacement of approximately 1,810 feet of damaged 30" concrete mortar lined steel pipeline with 30" HDPE pipe. The pipeline is the main transmission line to the City of Ridgecrest and surrounding areas.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

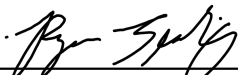
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

- 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: 15301, Class 1(b).
 - Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
After a review of the proposed work and project area it was determined that no known environmental resources will be impacted. Standard traffic control measures will be implemented to ensure continuous use of State Route 178 while work occurs.

Lead Agency Area Code/Telephone/
Contact Person: Ryan Spaulding Extension: 760-937-1556

- 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:  Date: 2/21/2023 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist)

Signed by: Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.