

**Notice of Exemption****Form D**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk  
County of \_\_\_\_\_  
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**From:** (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources  
Division of Operations and Maintenance  
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Strategic Reliability Reserve Modesto Irrigation District Claribel Substation Site

Project Location - Specific:

Modesto Irrigation District Claribel Substation located on Claribel Road near Roselle Avenue between the cities of Modesto and Riverbank.

Project Location – City: Modesto Project Location – County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR will install 123 natural gas generators at Modesto Irrigation District's existing Claribel Substation for the purposes of meeting AB205 needs to expand power generation and energy storage facilities to respond to energy shortages due to extreme events (per PRC 25790.5). The new generators would be capable of producing up to 48 megawatts of electricity with operations not expected to exceed 300 hours annually. This additional power would be available for emergency use for 5 years.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 80710 (j), AB205

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will add temporary electricity to the grid to ensure a reliable supply during extreme events. The project is part of the emergency and temporary power generation component of the Electricity Supply Strategic Reliability Reserve Program established by AB 205. AB 205 established statute which exempts applicable projects from CEQA.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Jerry Snow Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 820-7807

**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: Jerry Snow Date: 2/27/2023 Title: Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch

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

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