

**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: 2023 SJFD Rodenticide Program

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

Project Location – Specific:

Bait stations will be placed at the following locations:

POPP: 120.2081271°W 35.7314883°N and 120.2083248°W 35.7312629°N

BLPP: 120.0844522°W 35.7077846°N

DEPP: 120.0116020°W 35.7115559°N

Check Site 23: 119.7835269°W 35.7079174°N

LHO&M: 119.6971627°W 35.6150511°N, 119.6964734°W 35.6143748°N, and 119.6946017°W 35.6150463°N

WRPP: 119.0069586°W 35.0326594°N and 119.0067090°W 35.0323529°N

WGPP: 118.9784237°W 35.0154537°N

SJO&M: 118.9781730°W 35.0195597°N, 118.9770403°W 35.0187689°N, 118.9763347°W

35.0194304°N, 118.9763718°W 35.0201147°N, 118.9763532°W 35.0204569°N, 118.9756848°W

35.0205025°N, 118.9779502°W 35.0135375°N, and 118.9786836°W 35.0133702°N

Project Location – City: Bakersfield

Project Location – County: Kern/Kings/San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Joaquin Field Division (SJFD) plans to use rodenticide to control ground squirrels. To do this they will place modified PVC "T" bait stations at San Joaquin O&M (SJOM), Lost Hills O&M (LHOM), at five pumping plants (POPP, BLPP, DEPP, WRPP, and WGPP), and at check site 23. They plan to fill bait stations with .005% diphacinone ground squirrel bait (Ditrac or Kaput brand), as recommended by a Pest Control Advisor. All bait stations will be left out throughout the year but feeding activity will only take place in late spring to early summer. This work is needed to control ground squirrel populations, who are damaging State Water Project property.

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: *Elyse M. Maloney* Date: 03/07/23 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: \_\_\_\_\_