

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: WRPP Headworks Crane Pad Grading

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources (DWR), San Joaquin Field Division (SJFD)

Project Location – Specific:

The site (35°01'42.6"N, 119°00'17.3"W) is located east of the Wheeler Ridge Pumping Plant (also named Teerink Pumping Plant).

Project Location – City: Mettler

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR SJFD staff will be widening the crane set up area located at Wheeler Ridge headworks. To do this, they will use a backhoe to cut back part of the dirt bank. A dump truck and loader will be used to move material to and from the base pile site near Buena Vista Pumping Plant. A grader will be used to flatten surfaces. A water truck will be used to aid in compaction and to control dust. K-rail will be placed at the base of the slope once dirt is removed. The work is estimated to last 4 to 5 days. All work will take place within DWR right-of-way. This work is necessary to accommodate a larger crane for removing and inserting stop logs.

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: 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: _____