

# Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources  
Division of Operations and Maintenance  
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814

County Clerk  
County of \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Address)

Project Title: CAAQ and BAPP Culvert Clearing and V-Ditch Reshaping (OM-DFD-2023-002)

Project Location - Specific:

COORDINATES: 37°49'27.45"N, 121°35'54.92" W. SWP FACILITY: California Aqueduct (CAAQ), Banks Pumping Plant (BAPP). MILE MARKERS: MM 1.02 – MM 46.18.  
COUNTY: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus. Latitude: Start 37°49'27.45"N to end at 37°22'50.87"N Longitude: Start 121°35'54.92"W to end at 121°7'29.76"W

Project Location – City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location – County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR staff will clear sediment and debris from multiple culverts along primary and secondary sides of the California Aqueduct. The upstream opening of culverts needing clearing will be cleaned with hand tools or backhoe as necessary. Materials will be pushed into the v-ditch to be spread by the road grader to reshape the v-ditch to the original drainage specifications. Culverts will be cleaned using a truck with a fire hose connected to a three-inch water pump to inject high pressure raw water until it is clear of obstructions. Staging will be on existing roadways and parking lots. Work is within DWR right of way.

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: Class 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301(b)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and critical services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves routine maintenance activities. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. The Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance as this activity will be implemented without any environmental impacts.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Sara Paiva-Lowry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 902-7709

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: Sara Paiva-Lowry Date: 4/27/2023 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR

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

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