

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 Coastal Outage

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

Project Location – Specific:

Coastal Branch: Devil's Den Pumping Plant (DEPP) (MP 14.86) (35.712430, -120.010314), Bluestone Pumping Plant (BLPP) (MP 19.05) (35.70762, -120.08365), and Polonio Pass Pumping Plant (POPP) (MP 26.54) (35.73100, -120.20756).

Project Location – City: Lost Hills

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) San Joaquin Field Division (SJFD) will shut down and dewater specific areas of the California Aqueduct coastal branch, in order to safely perform various maintenance activities (electrical, mechanical, corrosion protection, inspection, and cleaning). This yearly work is called the Coastal Outage. For the 2023 Coastal Outage, DEPP forebay, BLPP forebay, and POPP forebay will be dewatered. Water from DEPP will be discharged into a sediment basin. Water from POPP and BLPP will be discharged into an adjacent natural drainage. The 2023 Coastal Outage will begin in October and last until the end of November. Dewatering activities will take approximately 15 days per site to complete. The project benefits the public and private sector, which depends on the California Aqueduct for water delivery.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: DWR- San Joaquin Field Division

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: 05/31/2022 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: _____