

**Notice of Exemption**

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County of: Kern  
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From: (Public Agency): Lost Hills Water District  
20992 Universal Street  
Lost Hills, CA 93249  
  
(Address)

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Project Title: Lost Hills Water District Reservoir Lining Project

Project Applicant: Lost Hills Water District (LHWD)

Project Location - Specific:

50 miles west-northwest of Bakersfield, and west of the California Aqueduct

Project Location - City: Blackwells Corner Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

LHWD proposes to replace two existing reservoir linings and install a geomembrane lining in Reservoir 1A and Reservoir 3 within LHWD Service Area 1. The existing linings have undergone significant deterioration, causing excessive seepage. Construction activities would consist of removing existing asphalt liners and clay bottom, preparing and compacting the soil subgrade, excavating liner anchor trenches, placing a new geomembrane liner, and backfilling the anchor trenches.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Lost Hills Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lost Hills Water District

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: Section 15301 - Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project would re-line two existing reservoirs with a geomembrane lining material in order to prevent continued seepage. The Project is considered a repair to existing facilities and would not involve expansion of the reservoirs or any changes to their existing use of water storage.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Mark A. Gilkey Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 816-0386

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: [Signature] Date: 5/8/2023 Title: General Manager

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Notice of Environmental Document  
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and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to  
Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code

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