

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: BHPP Entrance Expansion

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

Project Location – Specific:

Badger Hills Pumping Plant aqueduct entrance (35°49'45.6"N 119°54'46.0"W) is located west of 25th Ave along the primary aqueduct access road.

Project Location – City: Kettleman City

Project Location – County: Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

SJFD plans to enlarge the Badger Hills Pumping Plant (BHPP) aqueduct entrance. To do this work, a loader and excavator will be used to remove a portion of the berm adjacent to the aqueduct entrance and place it into a dump truck. The dump truck will transport the material to the Las Perillas Pumping Plant lay down area, where it will be spread out using a backhoe. Finally, staff will lay down asphalt to expand the road. Construction is estimated to last 30 days. All work will take place within the DWR right of way. This work is necessary to provide easy access for heavy trucks and equipment to BHPP.

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: 7/3/2023 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: _____