

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Dept. of Water Resources
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Lead Agency: Department of Water Resources

Project Title: California Aqueduct Milepost 129.88L Washout Repair

Project Location City & County: Fresno County

Project Location – Specific: Work will occur on the left side of the California Aqueduct at milepost 129.88 near a Westland Water District turnout. The site is approximately 1.3 miles southeast of the intersection of W. Clarkson Avenue and the California Aqueduct and approximately 1.25 miles southwest of the community of Cantua Creek.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: An approximately 15 feet wide by 25 feet long by 10 feet deep washout occurred in the Department of Water Resources (DWR) right-of-way when Westlands Water District (WWD) released too much water in the area. WWD will use an above ground sensor to locate a buried high pressure water line, but they do not have to make any repairs. After WWD marks an avoidance buffer on the ground surface around the water line, DWR's San Luis Field Division will repair the area by backfilling it with approximately 139 cubic yards of material. The backfilled material will be compacted and shaped to the original contours. The State Water Project will benefit from this repair.

Exempt/Suspend Status:


- Ministerial (§21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])
- Categorical Exemption: 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: DWR will repair the topography of a portion of the existing DWR right-of-way. The work involves no expansion of use, and no trees or other vegetation will be removed. Categorical Exemption 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15304 (Minor Alteration to Land) apply.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

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Signature:  **Date:** 7/23/2023 **Title:** Planner/Scheduler /UC Supv

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant