

# Notice of Exemption

Form D

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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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: DWR Property Acquisition near Clifton Court Forebay

Project Location - Specific:

8.5 miles Northwest of City of Tracy, CA. Coordinates: 37°49'16.85"N, 121°34'5.05"W.

Cross Streets: Herdlyn Road and Byron Hwy.

Project Location – City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location – County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is planning to purchase approximately 635.90 acres of land near Clifton Court Forebay. The purpose of the property acquisition is for future State Water Project needs, in compliance with California Water Code Sections 258 and 11575. DWR is not proposing to change the existing use of the property, which is currently cultivated annual cropland. DWR will seek a long-term lease to continue agricultural uses. If a new use for the land is proposed, DWR will perform a separate environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

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: Section No. 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act guidelines since it can be seen with certainty that the acquisition of land will not have a significant effect on the environment. The sale of real property will have no effect on the environment since the action will only entail the change in the property's ownership and the transfer of the deed.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Jerry Snow Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 820-7807

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: Jerry Snow Date: 7/26/2023 Title: Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch

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

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