

## Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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**From:** Dept. of Water Resources DOE  
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**Lead Agency:** California Department of Water Resources

**Project Title:** San Luis Field Division Seal and Pave Project

**Project Location City & County:** Fresno County

**Project Location – Specific:** MP 137.06L/R – 143.12L/R is located between the intersection of West Excelsior Ave. and the Aqueduct and the intersection of Fresno Coalinga Road and the Aqueduct.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The primary and secondary access roads on the Aqueduct in San Luis Field Division are traveled daily by water operators, utility craftworkers and local water districts to access and maintain their turnout facilities. The roads have been damaged due to ongoing wear and tear and failure of the subbase. These conditions provide an unsafe condition for drivers, especially during heavy fog or rain.

The purpose of this project is to repair the roads along Pool 18. Approximately 12 miles of primary and secondary access roads will be repaired. This work is necessary to maintain and inspect the Aqueduct. California State Water Project Contractors will benefit.

### 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: Categorical Exemption 15301 (d): Existing Facilities – Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety...
- Statutory Exemptions:

**Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:** Work involves repairing existing paved roads located on the Aqueduct right-of-way to allow maintenance and inspection of the Aqueduct. This work does not expand the use or capacity of the Aqueduct roads or right-of-way. Categorical Exemption 15301 (d): Existing Facilities –

Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety applies.

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

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Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant