

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
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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 _____

(Address)

Project Title: Emergency Temporary Pipeline Project for Devil's Den Pumping Plant Fire

Project Location - Specific:

Coastal Branch Milepost 20.2. Cross Streets: Paso Robles Hwy 46 and Kecks Rd.

Coordinates: 35°42'21.91"N, 120° 3'17.71"W. Site is 20 miles Northwest from Lost Hills.

Project Location – City: Lost Hills Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR will install a water pipeline to connect the Coastal Branch (CB) of the California Aqueduct to the Berrenda Mesa Canal (BMC). The Devil's Den Pumping Plant had a fire occur and pumping operations have halted which requires immediate action and placement of an auxiliary pipeline to prevent the loss of water conveyance to coastal communities. The pipeline will pump from BMC and cross private land used for cattle grazing for 1.25 miles before entering into the CB at existing access vaults.

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and critical services to many Californians. This project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA compliance due to needed emergency repairs to publicly owned facilities necessary to maintain service essential to public health, safety, and welfare.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Sara Paiva-Lowry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 902-7709

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: Sara Paiva-Lowry Date: 8/16/2023 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR

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

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