

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: Buena Vista Pumping Plant (BVPP) Emergency Waterline Repairs Aug2023

Project Location - Specific:

California Aqueduct Milepost: 252.36. Cross Streets: Gardner Field Rd and Lake Station Rd.

Coordinates: 35° 8' 33.39", 119° 21' 7.17"W. Site is 5.5 miles East from the City of Taft.

Project Location – City: Taft Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR San Joaquin Field Division will conduct immediate emergency repairs to the fire suppression waterline at BVPP. Staff will remove and replace a 100-foot section of buried 4-inch waterline due to a break in the line. A backhoe will be used to backfill the exposed trench due to water erosion at break. Approximately 300 cubic yards of backfill soil will be hauled to site via dump truck for backfill and a water truck will be used for dust control.

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. A break in the water line causes an interruption of water to the fire suppression system of the Buena Vista Pumping Plant causing improper operations.

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: 8/18/2023 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR

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

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