

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Kings, Kern

From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: SJFD Bridge Hinge Retrofit (Reach 8C - 16A) - Geotechnical Explorations

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

Mile Post 172.58 - Mile Post 290.58

Project Location - City: Bakersfield Project Location - County: Kings, Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR is proposing to conduct geotechnical investigations for 27 bridge locationsites included in the SJFD Bridge Hinge Retrofit Reach 8C - 16A project. These bridge locations are located along the California Aqueduct (CAAQ). All work is within DWR right of way.

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: Class 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301(d)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because it involves rehabilitation of existing structures to meet current standards of public health and safety; specifically current seismic standards. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. Because this activity can be implemented without any significant environmental impacts, the Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Sarah Cannon Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-882-2829

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: Vince Alvidrez Date: 09/18/2023 Title: Field Division Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____