

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Water Resources
San Luis Field Division, 31770 Gonzaga Rd
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Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Project Title: California Aqueduct Milepost 51.10R Crimson Pipeline LP Cathodic Protection Equipment Installation

Project Location City & County: Stanislaus County

Project Location – Specific: Work will occur in the Department of Water Resources (DWR) right-of-way (ROW) at an existing Crimson Pipeline LP test station located above its existing underground crude oil pipeline. The work site is located approximately 0.75 miles west of milepost (MP) 51.10 on the right side (R) of the California Aqueduct and approximately 6.66 miles west of the city of Newman (Latitude/Longitude: 37.31796175, -121.14234185).

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Crimson Pipeline LP has requested encroachment permission in the DWR ROW for their contractor, National Corrosion, to install cathodic protection equipment at an existing voltage reading test station located above an oil pipeline. National Corrosion will excavate an area up to 10-feet long by 10-feet wide and 3.5-feet deep to install an 8-foot long by 8-foot wide grounding mat and an 18-inch long by 4-inch wide by 6-inch diameter magnesium anode. The grounding mat will be placed four inches below the ground surface, and the anode will be three feet below the grounding mat; the anode will be wired to the grounding mat. A pedestal enclosure, encasing a direct current decoupler, will be installed above ground next to the test station. Once the cathodic protection equipment is installed, the excavated area will be backfilled and compacted to the original grade and a 3-inch layer of gravel will be added to the test station area within the existing guard rail. Vehicles and equipment will access the site from an existing dirt road and will stage on a 100-foot long by 10-foot wide area adjacent to and west of the work site.

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: 15301 – Existing Facilities and 15305(b) Minor Alterations in Land Use

Limitations – Issuance of Minor Encroachment Permits


Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Crimson Pipeline LP requests encroachment permission to install cathodic protection equipment in the DWR ROW in an area that has an average slope of less than 20 percent. The project will not expand existing use and there will be no change in land use or density. DWR will issue an encroachment permit for completion of this work. Categorical Exemption 15301 and 15305(b) apply.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

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Signature:  _____ **Date:** 9/28/2023 _____ **Title:** Planner/Scheduler/UC Supv.

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant