

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water  
Resources, San Joaquin Field  
Division  
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313

County Clerk  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Address)

Project Title: WRPP Spoil Site Grading

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division

Project Location – Specific:  
The spoil site (35°02'17.6"N 119°00'55.8"W) is located at the corner of Wheeler Ridge Access Rd and B Rd.

Project Location – City: Bakersfield Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
San Joaquin field division plans to grade the Wheeler Ridge Pumping Plant (WRPP) spoil site. To do this work, staff will use a grader to grade the spoil site and a water truck to control dust. A backhoe, front loader, and/or dump truck might be used to move material. All work will take place within DWR right of way. This work is necessary to remove weeds and maintain the spoil site.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: DWR- Operations & Maintenance


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)); 15301 (b)
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:  
This project consists of maintenance activities that support the function of the California Aqueduct and water delivery within the State Water Project.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Elizabeth Maldonado Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-858-5662

- 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:  Date: 10/5/2023 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.