

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water  
Resources, San Joaquin Field  
Division  
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County Clerk  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Address)

Project Title: EDPP Surge Tank Control Line Phase B

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

Project Location – Specific:

Edmonston Pumping Plant (34°56'37.6"N 118°49'28.1"W) is located 6 miles east of Grapevine, California. The EDPP surge tank (34°55'45.5"N 118°48'21.3"W) is located south east of the plant. A dirt road connects the plant and surge tank.

Project Location – City: Grapevine Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

SJFD plans to install four new power poles, replace a copper wire line, replace 2 existing power poles, trim several oak trees, and add a fiber optic cable between Edmonston Pumping Plant (EDPP) and the EDPP surge tank. The main purpose of this project is to replace the control line for the surge tank butterfly valves, which is currently nonfunctional. A line truck, bucket truck, pickup truck, UTV, helicopter, and hand tools will be used to transport material and complete this work. All holes will be dug by hand. A helicopter will be used to bring in and set poles at sites that are inaccessible by road. This work is necessary to continue to provide water to southern California.

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: Elizabeth Maldonado Date: 10/05/23 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant