

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: Lower Quail Canal Project

Project Location - Specific:

The project site is located on the U.S. Geological Survey Lebec Quadrangle; Section 22 of Township 8N, Range 18W. The approximate geographic center of LQC-1 is 118°46'40.85"W, 34°46'15.55"N and LQC-2 is 118°46'18.66"W, 34°46'25.38"N.

Project Location – City: Lancaster

Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of maintenance activities at a 78-inch concrete trapezoidal box drain outlet at Lower Quail Canal (LQC)-1 and within the channel at LQC-2. Activities include the removal of accumulated sediment, vegetation, and debris within the channels. Vegetation removal will involve use of hand tools and sediment removal will involve use of an excavator placed on the existing access roads. Upon the completion of the sediment and vegetation removal, the channel at LQC-1 will be recontoured to previous conditions. All material removed would be appropriately disposed off-site.

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(b)
- 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 because it involves routine maintenance activities in order to restore existing operational facilities for its original intended purpose. This project is not expected to result in impacts to special-status species or habitats due to the implementation of avoidance and minimization measures. The Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance as this activity will be implemented without any environmental impacts.

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: 11/16/2023 Title: Manager, Environmental Regulatory Compliance

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

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