

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: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Dredging Berrenda Mesa Forebay to Holding Pond

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

Project Location – Specific:

Berrenda Mesa forebay (35°42'32.3"N 120°00'35.2"W) and the Devil's Den Holding Pond (35°42'34.7"N 120°00'35.6"W) is located south of Devil's Den Pumping Plant (35°42'42.8"N 120°00'39.1"W).

Project Location – City: Lost Hills

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR is proposing to dredge the Berrenda Mesa forebay. To do this work, DWR staff will attach a Toyo pump to a crane. The crane will lower the pump into the Berrenda Mesa forebay. The pump will transfer the water and sediment through a hose and into the devil's den holding pond. This work is anticipated to take 1 to 2 weeks to complete. This work is necessary to maintain the forebay and to continue to make water deliveries.

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: 11/20/23 Title: Environmental Scientist

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: _____