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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: Removal and Trimming of Trees at SJO&M 2023

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

Project Location - Specific:
San Joaquin O&M center (35°01'14.2"N 118°58'38.9"W) is located south of Bakersfield at 4201 S Sabodan St.

Project Location - City: Bakersfield Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
DWR San Joaquin field division plans to remove and trim several trees within and adjacent to the San Joaquin Operations & Maintenance (SJO&M) center. To do this work, 2 aerial lifts will be used to reach the top of the trees. Hand tools will be used to trim and cut trees. A chipper will be used to chip wood. A dump truck will be used to transport debris. A loader will be used to haul logs and remove debris from underneath the canopies to reduce tripping hazards. Wood chips would be spread out within designated areas. Trench plates will be used when needed to reach the project sites. All work will take place within designated areas. Equipment will be staged at the SJO&M center. This work is estimated to last 2 weeks. All work will take place within the DWR right of way. This maintenance work is necessary for the safety of staff and DWR property.

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: 12/08/23 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

