

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: WRPP Headworks Access Road Grading

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

Project Location – Specific:

The access road (35°01'40.6"N 119°00'19.3"W) that will be graded connects two other access roads, the Wheeler Ridge discharge line west side access road and the secondary aqueduct access road. All roads are south of the Wheeler Ridge Pumping Plant (35°01'54.2"N 119°00'27.1"W).

Project Location – City: Bakersfield

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Joaquin Field Division plans to grade the road between the Wheeler Ridge discharge line west side access road and the secondary aqueduct access road. This graveled road is less than 1,000feet long. Road width is around 12feet wide, but widens at the top of the hill to form a large area to turn around before hitting the secondary aqueduct access road. To do this work, a motor grader will be used to grade the road. Equipment staging will take place at the Wheeler Ridge pumping plant. All work will take place within the DWR right of way. This work is estimated to take one day to complete. This work is necessary to maintain the access roads. Access roads are needed to safely reach important infrastructure.

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: 01/24/24 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: _____