

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: ST2 Flowmeter Installation

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources (DWR), San Joaquin Field Division (SJFD)

Project Location – Specific:

The project site (35°33'26.4"N, 119°39'56.7"W) is located at the semitropic 2 turnaround along the California aqueduct State Water Project.

Project Location – City: Lost Hills

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Joaquin field division plans to replace a flowmeter at the semitropic 2 turnaround along the California aqueduct State Water Project. To do this work, buried corroded conduit and wiring will need to be replaced. To reach the conduit and wires, a hydro vacuum truck will be used to dig a trench. The trench would be around 61.5 feet long, 2 feet deep, and at most, 2 feet wide. The trench would start at the pull box and go north for around 40 feet. Then it would turn west for around 16.5 feet. Lastly, it would turn back south for around 5 feet, ending at a concrete vault. A shorter alternate route would also start at the pull box and head north. However, it would turn west at around 35 feet and go straight into the concrete vault. The alternate route would require the use of hand tools to drill a hole into the concrete vault. Once the trench is dug and all conduit and wires are replaced, a backhoe would be used to fill and compact the trench. A dump truck would be used to bring in fill material. All vehicles, equipment, and materials would be staged on paved or graveled surfaces. All work would take place within the DWR right of way. The work is estimated to take one week to complete. This work is necessary to calculate the cost of water deliveries to the water contractor.

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: Elyshah Nwan Date: 2/2/2024 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: _____