

**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: Spoils Pile Access Roads Erosion Repairs

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

Project Location – Specific:

Spoil pile site: 35°02'17.6"N 119°00'57.4"W  
Southwest access road: 35°02'17.9"N 119°01'12.2"W  
Northeast access road: 35°02'19.4"N 119°00'45.8"W

Project Location – City: Bakersfield

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Heavy rains have eroded two access roads that lead to the Wheeler Ridge Pumping Plant spoil pile site. San Joaquin Field Division plans to repair the access roads by filling in the erosions and grading the roads. A dump truck or loader would be used to haul in fill material. Fill material would be composed of dirt currently located at the spoil pile site. A backhoe would be used to compact the erosion. A grader would be used to grade the area. A water truck may be used to help with compaction and control dust. The work is estimated to take a day to complete. All work is within DWR's right of way. This work is necessary to maintain the access roads.

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: 03/14/24 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: \_\_\_\_\_