

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: LH O&M Fiber Optic Project

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

Project Location - Specific:
The junction box (35°37'16.9"N, 119°42'06.7"W) is located adjacent to the aqueduct access road.

Project Location - City: Lost Hills Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
DWR SJFD plans to upgrade the communication system at Lost Hills O&M center. To do this work, contractors will unearth Verizon's junction box. An area of approximately 6ft long by 6ft wide by 3ft deep of dirt would be removed. Excavation will take place along the California aqueduct access road. A backhoe and hand tools would be used to excavate. A light tower might be used to illuminate the area. Once the dirt is removed, Verizon will open the box and tie DWR's fiber optic cable to Verizon's main fiber optic line. After testing the cables, the junction box would be closed and reburied. The work is estimated to take 5 hours to complete and is planned to start at midnight. All work will be completed within DWR's right of way. This work is necessary to upgrade DWR's aging communication 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: Elizabeth Maldonado Date: 4/15/2024 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.