

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Water Resources
SLFD 31770 Gonzaga Road
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Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Project Title: California Aqueduct MP 51.28R Crimson Pipeline Repair

Project Location City & County: Stanislaus County

Project Location – Specific: Work will occur in Reach 2A of the California Department of Water Resources right of way on an existing Crimson Pipeline LC underground pipeline. The work site is located approximately 0.75 miles west-southwest of milepost (MP) 51.28 on the right side (R) of the California Aqueduct, approximately 1.85 miles west-southwest of the intersection of Interstate-5 and Orestimba Road, in Stanislaus County (Latitude/Longitude: 37.314105550, -121.140944200).

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Crimson Pipeline LP requested permission to inspect and repair its existing pipeline located in the Department of Water Resources right of way. Its Contractor will excavate an approximately 10-foot-long by 5-foot-wide by 7-foot-deep area to expose an existing underground 20" electric resistance welded pipeline. When the pipeline is exposed, the epoxy coating will be removed, and the pipeline will be cleaned and inspected. All points where damage is observed will be repaired by welding a sleeve of material, compatible with the existing pipeline, over the damaged area. A new epoxy coating will be applied to the repaired portion of the pipeline and the excavated area will be backfilled, compacted, and restored to original contours. This work is necessary to ensure the integrity of the pipeline; Crimson Pipeline LP will benefit from this project.

Exempt/Suspend Status:

- Ministerial (§21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])
- Categorical Exemption: Categorical Exemption 15301 – Existing Facilities and 15305(b) – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations (Issuance of minor encroachment permits) apply.
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Crimson Pipeline LP requested permission to inspect and repair a pipeline located in the Department of Water Resources right of way. This work will not expand existing or former use of the pipeline. Work will occur in areas with an average slope of less than 20 percent, and work will not result in any changes in land use. DWR will issue an encroachment permit for completion of

this work. Categorical Exemption 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Categorical Exemption 15305(b) (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations – Issuance of minor encroachment permits) apply.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

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Signature: Tim Salcido **Date:** 4/30/2024 **Title:** Planner Scheduler Branch Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant