

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Department of Water Resources (DWR)
San Luis Field Division, 31770 Gonzaga Rd.
Gustine, CA 95322

Project Title: California Aqueduct Milepost 144.25 Fresno County Road Repair

Project Location City and County: Fresno County

Project Location, Specific: The project consists of repairing a section of the existing road on South El Dorado Avenue in Reach 6 of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct). The work will occur in the Department of Water Resources (DWR) right-of-way at milepost (MP) 144.25 on the right (R) and left (L) sides of the El Dorado Avenue Bridge (Bridge). Work will occur on the southern edge of the Bridge and extend 0.6 miles south from the Bridge, and work will also occur on the northern edge of the Bridge and extend 0.54 miles north from the Bridge. The worksite is 9.64 miles southwest of the unincorporated community of Five Points.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The County of Fresno will repair a section of an existing asphalt road in the DWR right-of-way. Road repair work includes milling, grading, re-paving, and re-shouldering the road. A milling machine will be used to remove up to 0.20 inches of the existing road for a total of 1.14 miles. The surface will then be graded and re-paved by pouring and spreading a 0.20 inch layer of asphalt. Once the asphalt is distributed evenly, it will be compacted with a steel roller. When the paving is complete, a motor grader will be used to restore the 20 foot wide shoulders on both sides of the road by placing dirt up to the road edges, then setting the shoulders to the original grade. A tractor and roller will then compact the shoulders. The project is necessary to ensure safe, public use on county roads. The County of Fresno and the public will benefit from the work.

Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources, as Responsible Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The County of Fresno

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));

X Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15305(b) Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations – Issuance of Minor Encroachment Permits

- Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):
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Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The County of Fresno will repair a section of an existing asphalt road in the DWR right-of-way. DWR will give encroachment permission to complete the work. The work will not expand existing or former use of the road, will take place in areas with an average slope of less than 20 percent, and will not result in any changes in land use or density. Categorical Exemption 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15305(b) (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations – Issuance of minor encroachment permits) apply.

Responsible Agency Contact:

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