

Notice of Exemption

Form D

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources
Division of Operations and Maintenance
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814

County Clerk
 County of _____

(Address)

Project Title: Operations and Maintenance - Clifton Court Forebay Goat Grazing (OM-DFD-2024-005)

Project Location - Specific:

Clifton Court Forebay (CCF), Delta Field Division (DFD), Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Center, California Aqueduct (CAAQ).
 CAAQ Mile Markers 0.0 through 4.4. Coordinates: LAT: 37°47'55"N, LONG: 121°36'53"W

Project Location – City: Byron, Unincorporated Project Location – County: Contra Costa, Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR will contract with ruminant grazers for the purpose of vegetation control in areas surrounding CCF, adjacent to the DFD O&M Center buildings, and along the CAAQ between Banks Pumping Plant and Bethany Reservoir. Low-voltage electrified fencing with signage will be temporary used as grazing boundary. The herbaceous vegetation will be grazed to a level of 4-6 inches from ground level. All work is within the DWR right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Water Resources

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and critical services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves routine maintenance activities to SWP facilities. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. The Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance as this activity will be implemented without any environmental impacts.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Sara Paiva-Lowry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 902-7709

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: Sara Paiva-Lowry Date: 7/16/2024 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
- Signed by Applicant