

Notice of Exemption

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From: Dept. of Water Resources
San Luis Field Division, 31770 Gonzaga Rd.
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Project Title: California Aqueduct MP 120.77L Westlands Water District Fence Repair

Project Location City and County: Fresno County

Project Location, Specific: Work will occur on the left side (L) of the California Aqueduct in the Department of Water Resources (DWR) right of way at milepost 120.77. The work is about 2.77 miles northeast of the intersection of Interstate 5 and West Kamm Avenue.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Westlands Water District (WWD) requests encroachment permission to repair a damaged fence at their turnout in the DWR right of way at MP 120.77L. WWD will detach the damaged galvanized steel fence post from the fencing and will use a backhoe to remove the post from the ground. A post hole augur will dig an approximate 2-foot by 2-foot by 2-foot hole in the same location as the removed post. Concrete will be poured into the hole to act as a footing, and a new galvanized steel post will be installed into the concrete. The new post will be attached to the fencing, and soil will be poured into the hole, over the concrete, until the hole is filled and flush with the ground. A compacting plate will then be used to compact the soil. The repair is necessary to maintain the security of the equipment within the fenced area; WWD will benefit from this work.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westlands Water District

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: 15305(b) Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations – Issuance of Minor Encroachment Permits
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: WWD requests to repair a damaged fence at a WWD turnout in the DWR right of way. DWR, as the Responsible Agency, will issue an encroachment permit for this work. Work 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 15305 (b) (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations - Issuance of minor encroachment permits) applies.

Responsible Agency Contact:

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