

Notice of Exemption

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

Project Title: California Aqueduct Milepost 83.77L San Luis Water District Pipeline Replacement

Project Location City and County: Fresno County

Project Location, Specific: Work will occur on the left side (L) of Reach 3 of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct). Work will be in the Department of Water Resources (DWR) right of way (ROW) at milepost (MP) 83.77L. The work site is approximately 1.2 miles northwest of the Aqueduct and Mercy Springs Road intersection. Work will occur at the coordinates: (36.955766, -120.855955).

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: San Luis Water District (SLWD) requests encroachment permission to replace a damaged underground water pipeline (pipe) that extends about 110 feet northeast from the edge of the Aqueduct to the Aqueduct toe road at MP 83.77L. Before excavation begins, the asphalt will be removed from the approximately 10 foot wide by 10 foot long section of DWR's Aqueduct road. Once the asphalt is removed, SLWD will excavate an area approximately 10 feet wide by 110 feet long by 4 feet deep to access the pipe, approximately 41 cubic yards of material will be removed. SLWD will remove approximately 110 feet of the damaged 12-inch diameter pipe and will replace it with a new section. Once the new section of pipe has been installed, the area will be backfilled, and compacted, and 4 inches of new asphalt will be placed to repair the Aqueduct road. Vehicles and equipment will be staged on the established Aqueduct roads and road shoulders. Replacing the pipe will ensure continued delivery of SLWD water supplies; SLWD will benefit from this work.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Luis 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: SLWD requests permission to replace an existing, damaged pipe in the DWR ROW. As the Responsible Agency, DWR will issue an encroachment permit for this work. Work will be 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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