

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): CA Department of Water Resources
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County Clerk
County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates Refurbishment Project- Suction Dredging Activities 2024

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

Coordinates 38.09322° N, 121.8864° W. On Montezuma Slough.

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Solano

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR plans to suction dredge excess sediment in Bay 2 of the Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates (SMSCG) to properly install a refurbished radial gates so SMSCG meets operational design. Dredged material will be pumped into a separation system, which will separate solids to be properly disposed of and filter water back to Montezuma Slough. The project is the most cost effect and practicable way to remove the sediment buildup and bring the SMSCG back to operational design

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California 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 project is exempt because it consists of the repair and maintenance of the existing SMSCG facility by removal of sediment buildup described above. The SMSCG is an existing artificial waterway device used to control salinity in the Suisun Marsh to meet permit conditions of the State Water Project. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. Because this activity can be implemented without any significant environmental impacts, the Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Eric Rinderle Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-902-7007

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:  Date: 9/13/2024 Title: Senior HEPU Engineer

▪ Signed by Lead Agency ▪ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____