

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Dept. of Water Resources
San Luis Field Division
31770 Gonzaga Road
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Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Project Title: California Aqueduct MP 122.05R Bollard Installations

Project Location City & County: Fresno County

Project Location – Specific: Work will occur on the right side (R) of Reach 5 of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) at milepost (MP) 122.05. The work site is located approximately 0.08 miles southeast of where S. San Diego Avenue intersects the Aqueduct, and it is approximately 14.26 miles southwest of the city of Mendota.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Department of Water Resources' (DWR) San Luis Field Division will install four metal bollards around an existing air vent check valve in the DWR right of way. The valve allows air pressure to be relieved from an Aqueduct water line; the bollards are needed to protect the valve from being damaged by vehicles driven by people trespassing in the right of way. The bollards will be spaced two feet away from the valve and up to five feet away from each other to create a barrier around the valve. To install the bollards, a backhoe with an auger attachment will drill approximately seven-inch diameter by three-foot deep holes. A six-inch diameter by seven-foot long bollard will be installed in each hole. Concrete will be poured in the holes once the bollard has been installed. Material excavated from the holes will be spread onsite and compacted and contoured to match the original grade. The State Water Project will benefit.

Exempt/Suspend Status:

- Ministerial (§21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])
- Categorical Exemption: 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15311 (Accessory Structures)
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Work consists of placement of bollards, as minor structures accessory to an existing water line and air vent check valve, on the California Aqueduct. There will be no expansion of existing or former use of the water line or the valve. Categorical Exemptions 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15311 (Accessory Structures) apply.

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

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Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant