

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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

Project Title: Reach 5 Road Grading, Milepost 118.50 to MP 123.00

Project Location City & County: Fresno County

Project Location – Specific: Work will occur in the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) right of way in Reach 5 of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) from about Aqueduct milepost (MP) 118.50 to MP 123.00. Work will happen on the left side (L) of the Aqueduct. The northernmost boundary of the work site is about 1.03 miles southeast of the intersection of Manning Avenue and the Aqueduct; the southernmost boundary of the work site is about 1.00 miles southeast of the intersection of South San Diego Avenue and the Aqueduct.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The existing Aqueduct road from about MP 118.50L to MP 123.00L has washboarding and potholes. To perform the repairs, DWR's San Luis Field Division will use a motor grader to cut out the washboarding, to grade the road surface, and to fill in the potholes. Existing material from the road's shoulder will be used to help fill in the potholes; a water truck will also be used to wet the materials, and it will use its tires to compact them. After the road is graded and the potholes are filled, the water truck will perform a final spray of water onto the road to ensure the proper bonding and packing of material. Repairs are necessary to allow vehicles to safely use the road for inspections and maintenance activities; 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)
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Work involves removing the washboarding and potholes from the existing Aqueduct road from MP 118.50L to MP 123.00L. The work will not expand the size of the road and there will be no increase in frequency of its use. Categorical Exemption 15301 (Existing Facilities) applies.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

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Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant