

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 Rd. Ca 95322

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Project Title: Reshaping Embankment Milepost (MP) 170.50 to 170.80

Project Location City & County: Kings County

Project Location – Specific: Work will occur along the right side (R) of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) from milepost (MP) 170.50 to MP 170.80. This area is 150 feet south of the intersection of the Aqueduct and Quail Avenue and 2.2 miles northwest of Kettleman City, Kings County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The bank has slid down over time causing dirt to fill in the V ditches and culverts. It is essential for SLFD to maintain all bank, V-ditches and culverts for water run-off and for the integrity of the Aqueduct. An excavator with a bucket will be used to reshape the embankment, repair erosions and clean out the V ditch for proper drainage. Then a backhoe and grader will be used to level out spoils created from the excavator. Dust will be kept down by using a water truck. Only existing paved and gravel roads will be used to access the work site. The State Water Project and DWR will benefit from this project.

An excavator, a grader, a water truck, a backhoe will be used, a pickup truck, and hand tools will be used for this work.

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: Categorical Exemption 15304(f) Minor Alteration to Land — minor reshaping of embankment and cleaning out the V-ditch restoring ground surface.
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: General maintenance of reshaping embankment and cleaning out V-ditch to restore the ground surface to its original specifications. Work will not result in any changes in land use or density.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

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Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant