

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources
715 P st. Sacramento CA, 95814

County Clerk
 County of: Riverside
4080 Lemon Street, 151 Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

(Address)

Project Title: Perris Dam Emergency Siren Installation

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

Riverside County, below Perris Dam

Project Location - City: Perris Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Department of Water Resources will install an early warning siren and security camera at the Perris Dam emergency release facility pursuant to recommendations by the Director's Safety Review Board (DSRB)'s Independent Safety Review of Perris Dam report (2021). The purpose of the emergency siren installation is to provide the communities that live below the dam with an early warning system for both controlled and uncontrolled releases from the Perris Dam emergency release facility. The siren will be installed on a 25' tall pole and which will be installed on top of the Perris Dam emergency release facility. The siren will have a decibel level between 60-90 dbs and a frequency of 740Hz - 570Hz.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: 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: 15301(f)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 for existing facilities. A Class 1 exempt project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Subsection (f) includes the addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, or topographical features including mechanical devices. The installation of the early warning siren is a safety addition to the existing Perris Dam Emergency Release Facility project, and would not change or expand upon the existing use of the emergency release facility.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Philip Meyer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-837-3654

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: David Sarkisian Date: 2/20/2025 Title: Manager, Dam Safety Services

▪ 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: _____