

## Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

**To:** Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
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**From:** Dept. of Water Resources  
1416 9th Street  
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**Lead Agency:** California Department of Water Resources

**Project Title:** Radio Tower Install on Sisk Dam

**Project Location City & County:** Merced County

**Project Location – Specific:** Work will be done on top of Sisk Dam near the entrance to the headworks on the B. F. Sisk Dam located in Reach 3A in Township 10S, Range 8E, approximately 13 miles west of the City of Los Banos in western Merced County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** A 4' wide by 4' long by 4' deep hole will be excavated to pour a concrete base for a radio tower. Approximately 3 yards of dirt will be removed and 3 yards of concrete will be poured in for a radio tower base. A 20' tall radio tower will be installed and the soil will be hauled off to the spoil yard. The radio will allow communication with Romero for security reasons. A backhoe, a dump truck, a cement truck and hand tools will be used to install the radio tower.

### 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 15301(m) (Existing Facilities – Minor repairs and alterations to existing dams and appurtenant structures under the supervision of the Department of Water Resources.) To connect radio communications to Romero for security reasons
- Statutory Exemptions:

**Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:** To connect radio communications to Romero for security reasons. Work will not result in any changes in land use or density

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