

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water
Resources, San Joaquin Field
Division
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313

County Clerk

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Emergency BHPP Sump Repair

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division

Project Location – Specific:
35°50'04.2"N 119°56'25.2"W

Project Location – City: Kettleman City

Project Location – County: Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A malfunction occurred within the Badger Hill Pumping Plant (BHPP), leading to an excess amount of water being released into the BHPP holding ponds. Due to a corroded and damaged pipe between the holding ponds, only one pond could be utilized. This led to a risk of overtopping. To strengthen the stability of the first holding pond, and to lessen the risk of overtopping, DWR staff will fill and compact erosions on the south side of the first holding pond and will replace a portion of the pipe between the first and second pond.

To repair erosions on the first pond, a backhoe with a sheepsfoot will be used to fill and compact erosions. A dump truck would be used to bring in fill material. A water truck may be used to control dust and aid in compaction.

To repair the pipe between pond 1 and 2, a backhoe, water vacuum truck, and/or hand tools will be used to excavate the damaged portion of the pipe. Then hand tools will be used to remove and install the new pipe section. Lastly, the pipe will be reburied using a backhoe and a dump truck.

All work will take place within the DWR right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: DWR- Operations & Maintenance

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)); 15301 (b)
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project consists of maintenance activities that support the function of the California Aqueduct and water delivery within the State Water Project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Elizabeth Maldonado Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-858-5662

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:

Elizabeth Maldonado

Date: 03/04/25

Title: Senior Environmental
Scientist (Specialist)

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: _____