

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: LPPP Replace Conduit Runs for Discharge Line Blockhouse

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

Project Location – Specific:

Start of Raceway (Near LPPP): 119°54'30"W 35°50'36"N

Midpoint of Raceway: 119°54'29"W 35°50'34"N

End of Raceway (Near Blockhouse): 119°54'29"W 35°50'33"N

Project Location – City: Avenal

Project Location – County: Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Joaquin Field Division plans to install an above ground steel conduit raceway from the LPPP discharge line blockhouse to the underground conduit line downhill near LPPP. The new 170-foot above ground raceway would replace the existing underground raceway, which would be abandoned in place.

To do this work, 2-foot deep 8-inch diameter post holes will be excavated by hand every 10 to 20 feet. Once post holes are dug, prefabricated conduit racks will be installed. After the racks are installed, 2 2-inch diameter galvanized steel conduit lines will be attached to the racks. The new conduit lines will be around 1 foot off the ground. After the raceway is installed, tie end points will be excavated using a water vacuum truck. New wires will be pulled through the new conduit lines and connected to existing underground wires. After the wires have been tested, both tie in points will be buried.

Work is expected to take 30 days to complete. All work will be completed within the DWR right of way. This work is necessary to replace the existing underground raceway which is deteriorating due to age.

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: 4/16/2025 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: _____