

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: 2024 Coastal Branch Erosion Repairs

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

Project Location – Specific:

Start Point: 35°51'11.2"N 119°53'33.5"W

Mid-Point: 35°47'05.3"N 119°57'57.5"W

End Point: 35°42'43.0"N 120°00'37.1"W

Project Location – City: Lost Hills

Project Location – County: Kern and Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Joaquin Field Division (SJFD) plans to repair several erosions located along the coastal branch aqueduct access roads and to remove several ruts within the road. The coastal branch aqueduct is 14.86 miles long and runs from the main aqueduct to Devil's Den Pumping Plant. Staff will repair erosions by filling and compacting erosions with a backhoe. Base material would be transported to the site via a dump truck. A water truck may be used to control dust and aid in compaction. Areas with ruts would be graded with a grader. Three culverts will be replaced. This project is estimated to take 30 days to complete. All work would be completed within DWR's right of way. This work is necessary to maintain aqueduct access roads.

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:  Date: 06/19/24 Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

