

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Fresno County Waterworks District 18
17836 North Friant Road Suite D
Friant, CA 93626

County Clerk
County of: Fresno
1250 Van Ness Avenue
Fresno, CA 93721

(Address)

Project Title: Friant Dam Improvement Project

Project Applicant: Fresno County Waterworks District 18

Project Location - Specific:

Friant Dam, located on the upper San Joaquin River in the Sierra Nevada foothills of Fresno County, California, near the town of Friant.

Project Location - City: Friant Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project consists of the following components: 1) replacing an existing pipeline from the base of Friant Dam to the Friant Surface Water Treatment Plant along Millerton Road; and 2) decommissioning two existing water tanks and installing a new water tank and associated pumps and pipeline across Millerton Road.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Fresno County Waterworks District 18

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Fresno County Waterworks District 18

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301(b) and (d)
[X] Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15282 (k)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed replacement and improvements are essential to maintaining a reliable water distribution system for emergency drought relief and to provide drinking water to the Community of Mira Bella. The Project would be consistent with the current water distribution system capacity. The Project would serve the same purpose and function as the District's current utility infrastructure and would involve no expansion of use beyond the District's existing utility framework. The replacement pipeline is under one-mile as outlined in Section 15282 (k) of the CEQA Statutes and Guidelines.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: F. SHANE STELFOX Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-822-3575

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: [Signature] Date: 11/19/2024 Title: GENERAL MANAGER

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: