

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation

From (Public Agency): California Department of Water Resources – PO BOX 942836
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Online posting

Project Title: Bowles Farming Company New CIMIS Station Installation

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources

Project Location: Bowles Farming Company within Local Cattle Pasture

Project Location - City: Los Banos

Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Department of Water Resources, in collaboration with Bowles Farming Company, is installing a California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) automated weather station in an existing cattle pasture owned by Bowles Farming Company. Data will be publicly available and benefit the State and the public by providing high-quality reference evapotranspiration data to aid in the efficient use of the region’s water resources. Equipment is situated on a tripod to gather weather and irrigation data. Fencing is installed around the perimeter to secure the station. Minor ground disturbance would occur as a result of the installation process.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Water Resources

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));
- Categorical Exemption. Cal. Code Regs., title 14, section 15306 Information Collection
- Statutory Exemptions. Cal. Code Regs., title 14, section

Reasons why project is exempt:

It was determined that this project qualifies for a categorical exemption 15306 Information Collection as it involves basic data collection activities which will not result in potential impacts to any cultural or environmental resource.

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Signed by Lead Agency