

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Kern
1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
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From: (Public Agency): Belridge Water Storage District (BWS)
5555 California Avenue, Suite 209
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(Address)

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Project Title: BWS 415 and 500 Canal Reservoir Lining Project

Project Applicant: Belridge Water Storage District

Project Location - Specific:

Approximately 1.5 miles east of the intersection of Highway 33 and 7th Standard Rd.

Project Location - City: _____ **Project Location - County:** Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project proposes to line two existing regulating reservoirs, the 415 and 500 Canal Reservoirs, with a high-density polyethylene liner to reduce seepage and improve water quality. The two reservoirs were originally built with asphalt slope protection and clay bottoms, both of which have been degraded. The Project is expected to save 438 acre-feet of water per year.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Belridge Water Storage District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Belridge Water Storage District

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. State type and section number: 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This Project consists of the minor alternation of existing public structures, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Project proposes the relining of the 415 and the 500 Reservoirs, with no changes to their original design or function. Therefore this project would not have a significant effect on the environment. None of the exceptions under Section 15300.2 apply.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Mark Gilkey **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (661) 633-9022

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:** 8/6/2025 **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: _____