

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: BVPP Flow Meter Replacement

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

Project Location – Specific:

35°09'36.3"N 119°20'51.5"W

Project Location – City: Taft

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Joaquin Field Division (SJFD) plans to replace flow meters located on the Buena Vista Pumping Plant (BVPP) discharge lines. This work would involve the construction of four above ground conduit lines running between discharge lines 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, and 7 and 8. Each line is estimated to be around 55 feet long. The above ground conduit lines would run on concrete sleepers. No excavation is anticipated for this project.

To complete this work, a roller would be used to compact the riprap along the discharge lines. A skid steer would be used to bring in decomposed granite or pea gravel. This material would be spread over the riprap to create a more walkable area. Scaffolding would be placed across and along the discharge lines. Rocks would be moved by hand to place scaffolding.

All equipment would be staged within the paved areas surrounding the BVPP. All work would take place within the DWR right-of-way. This work is necessary to provide water for California.

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: 03/06/26 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: _____