

# Notice of Exemption

Form D

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources  
Division of Operations and Maintenance  
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814

County Clerk  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

Project Title: Reach 4 Mowing and Grading (OM-SLFD-2026-003)

Project Location - Specific:

Coordinates: LAT 36°55'26.42"N, LONG 120°49'42.25"W to LAT 36°42'31.43"N, LONG 120°34'6.32"W

Cross Streets: Multiple. SWP Facility: CAAQ Reach 4, Check 15 to Dos Amigos Pumping Plant. Mile Marker: 86.73 – 108.79

Project Location – City: Unincorporated Project Location – County: Fresno, Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR staff will mow and grade along the left side and right side of Reach 4 of the California Aqueduct from MM 86.73 – 108.79. A motor grader with approx. 15 foot wide blade will be used. Mowing will be done using a tractor and pull behind mower attachment for 10 feet on either side of the established roads, with mower blades remaining 6 inches above the ground. From MM 87.0 - 89.0, mowing will be in all accessible areas between the paved left side Aqueduct road the DWR right of way boundary. All work is within DWR right of way.

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. State type and section number: Class 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and critical services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves routine maintenance activities. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. The Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance as this activity will be implemented without any environmental impacts.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Sara Lowry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 902-7709

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: Sara Lowry Date: 4/17/2026 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_
- Signed by Applicant

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