

Notice of Exemption**- 1 -****To:**

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Central Region 4
 1234 East Shaw Avenue
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1400 Tenth Street
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Project Title: Cuyama Well Waterline Repair and Re-Route

Project Location: The project is located on the South Chimineas Unit of the Carrizo Plain Ecological Reserve, Township 32S, Range 18E, Section N/A. Coordinates 35.0729215°N, 119.9786716°W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife plans to reroute a broken waterline that runs from State land through private property. The segment of the waterline located on private land will be abandoned in place. Approximately 3,600 feet of new water line will be installed. The new alignment will be constructed entirely on State lands. Installation will occur through trenching and/or jacking and boring. The project will require boring beneath State Route 166 and excavating bore pits along an existing dirt road. The new waterlines will connect to existing infrastructure that supplies a water cistern, wildlife pond, and wildlife troughs.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type -4 (d); California Code of Regulations, title 14, Section 15304

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is a minor alteration of land, water, and vegetation within an existing officially designated wildlife management area. The work will improve habitat conditions for fish and wildlife resources. None of the exceptions outline in Section 15300.2 apply.

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