

**Notice of Exemption****Form D**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** (Public Agency) California Dept. of Water Resources  
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(Address)

County Clerk  
County of San Joaquin

Project Title: DWR Ponds – Vegetation Maintenance

Project Location - Specific:

DWR owned properties located northwest of the I-5 and Hwy 12 interchange.

Project Location – City: Lodi

Project Location – County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR will contract with ruminant grazers for the purpose of vegetation control. Ruminant grazing contractors will erect temporary, low-voltage electrified fencing with signage and will use ruminants to graze parcels. An estimated 221 acres will be grazed. Additionally, DWR may use an industrial mower, weed whackers, and hand tools to mow the vegetation that the ruminant grazers are not able to graze, due to unsafe consumption of certain plants.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Dept. of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Dept. 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) or (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt under CEQA Categorical Exemption Section No. 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities) and Section No. 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land). Grazing and mowing is being used for wildfire suppression and weed abatement on existing DWR property. Grazing and mowing will not expand the property or alter its function.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Analisa Martinez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 712-2251

**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: Analisa Martinez Date: 9/25/2026 Title: Environmental Program Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Signed by Applicant

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