

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

(Address)

County Clerk

County of _____

Project Title: Bethany Outlets Vegetation Removal (OM-DFD-2026-013)

Project Location - Specific:

Bethany Reservoir, Mile Markers 4.5 (Forebay Dam), 5.75 (Dam 4)

Coordinates: LAT: 37°47'5.65"N, LONG: 121°37'6.75"W to LAT: 37°46'28.11"N, LONG: 121°36'3.25"W

Project Location – City: Mountain HouseProject Location – County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

At Bethany Reservoir Forebay Dam, DWR staff will remove shrubby vegetation using an excavator and backhoe and will also remove a palm tree using a chainsaw. At Dam 4 located at Mile Marker 5.75, DWR staff will mow vegetation using an industrial mower and hand tools, then spray aquatic herbicide by hand. Removed vegetation will be hauled to green waste bins for disposal at an offsite facility. All staging and work will be within the DWR right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water ResourcesName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Water ResourcesExempt 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 to SWP facilities. 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 LowryArea 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: 10/1/2026 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

☐ Signed by Applicant

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