

Notice of Exemption

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Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Dept. of Water Resources
San Luis Field Division, 31770
Gonzaga Rd. CA 95322

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Project Title: Dos Amigos Pumping Plant Vegetation Removal

Project Location City & County: Merced County

Project Location – Specific: Dos Amigos Pumping Plant (DAPP) is 9.10 miles south of the City of Los Banos.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: DWR's San Luis Field Division (SLFD) will have the California Conservation Corps remove woody vegetation from around DAPP and the DAPP siphon house. Vegetation removal will be done using hand tools; the vegetation will be placed in green waste bins at DAPP and trash will be disposed of appropriately. This work will be done annually. SLFD will benefit.

Exempt/Suspend Status:

- Ministerial (§21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])
- Categorical Exemption: 15304
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Work involves removal of vegetation (primarily tumbleweeds) from an existing pumping plant. No healthy, scenic trees will be removed. Categorical exemption 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) applies.

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

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Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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