

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 (DWR)

Project Title: California Aqueduct Milepost 147.00L Westlands Water District Water Valve Repair

Project Location City & County: Fresno

Project Location – Specific: The work site is located on the left side (L) of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) at milepost (MP) 147.00, approximately 2.75 miles southeast of the intersection of South El Dorado Avenue and the Aqueduct.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Westlands Water District (WWD) requested encroachment permission to excavate and repair its damaged ground valve located in DWR's right-of-way (ROW). The work area is approximately 30 feet by 30 feet and the excavated pit will be about 10 feet wide by 10 feet long by 6 feet deep. The damaged valve will be removed and replaced. Once the work is complete, the area will be backfilled and compacted. WWD 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: 15305 (b)
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: WWD requests encroachment permission to repair an existing valve in DWR's ROW. DWR is the Responsible Agency issuing an encroachment permit to WWD. Work consists of minor alterations to land with an average slope of less than 20 percent. Categorical Exemption 15305(b) (Minor Alterations of Land Use Limitations--Issuance of Minor Encroachment Permits) applies. WWD is responsible for any additional CEQA and will obtain any necessary permits.

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

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Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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