

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency)

Department of Water Resources
Division of Operations and Maintenance
1416 9th Street, Sacramento CA 95814

County Clerk
County of \_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

Project Title: Buena Vista Pumping Plant Waterline Repair

Project Location - Specific: West Kern Waterline approximately 700 feet south of Gardner Field Road, east of Duvall Road

Project Location - City: Taft

Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

SJFD staff will remove and replace a 250-foot section of buried 4-inch waterline due to a break in the line. Pipe replacement will include mobilization of a backhoe to dig a 2' wide by 3' deep trench. The new section of pipe will be fused to the existing pipe, then reburied. Trenching will be within an existing dirt access road. The line supplies water to the fire suppression system at the Buena Vista Pumping Plant, which is integral to the function of the California Aqueduct. The beneficiaries of the project are water users in Southern California.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department 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:
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080(b)(2)

Reasons why project is exempt:

A break in the line causes an interruption of water to the fire suppression system, which results in improper operation of the Pumping Plant. This plant is critical infrastructure and integral to operation of the California Aqueduct. The aqueduct provides significant and important services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves emergency repair of critical infrastructure.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shelly Amrhein Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-653-6973

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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 7/19/19 Title: Program Manager
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: JUL 19 2019 Revised 2005