

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: Boat Ramp Installation at O'Neill Forebay Spillway

Project Location City & County: Merced

Project Location – Specific: The O'Neill Forebay spillway is approximately 1 mile west of the City of Santa Nella. The work location at UTM 10S 673569mE 4107469mN, about 12 feet south of the spillway.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To facilitate DWR and United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) inspections of the O'Neill Forebay Spillway, San Luis Field Division (SLFD) will install a boat ramp about 12 feet south of the spillway. About 10 cubic yards (cy) of riprap will be removed from the bank and will be placed above the waterline around the boat ramp. A 70 foot long-reach excavator will be used to place one 8-foot wide by 30-foot long by 0.5 feet thick prefabricated concrete mat on the bank, for a total area boat ramp area of 240 square feet. The width of the boat ramp will be 8 feet. Approximately 20 tons of base rock will be placed above the water line at a 3:1 slope to create the base for the ramp. The concrete mat will be anchored with steel stakes and about 10 cy of sand will be used above the water line to fill the spaces in it. The base rock and sand will come from a gravel pit in Los Banos. No removal of vegetation or dredging of material will occur. Reclamation and DWR 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: The project involves installing a prefabricated concrete mat in a 240 square feet area that does not contain trees or other vegetation. There will be no vegetation removal or dredging. Categorical Exemption 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) applies.

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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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