

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources
31770 Gonzaga Rd.
Gustine, CA 95322

County Clerk
County of:

(Address)

Project Title: 2019-MP 133.0R to MP 133.65R Tree trimming

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

Tree trimming will occur north of the Cantua Creek Drain Inlet to Check 17 on the right side (R) of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) approximately 3.75 miles south-southeast of the City of Cantua Creek, in Fresno County.

Project Location - City: Cantua Creek

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

SLFD will direct the California Conservation Corps (CCC) to trim mesquite trees using motorized hand tools. Branches will be cut no more than 6 feet back away from the toe road. The vegetation will be cut and piled between the mesquite thickets. State Water Project users will benefit.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California 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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301(h)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project involves trimming of trees at an existing facility. It will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. Because this activity can be implemented without any significant environmental impacts, Categorical Exemption 15301(h) (Existing Facilities—Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs) will be used for CEQA compliance.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Brandon Silva Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 827-5132

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: 8-28-19 Title: ucw supervisor / p.s. office

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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