

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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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: Little Panoche Creek Detention Dam Toe Drain Maintenance

Project Location City & County: Fresno County

Project Location – Specific: Work will occur at DWR's Little Panoche Creek Detention Dam, which is approximately 4.02 miles west of the intersection of Little Panoche Road and Interstate 5.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Sediment has washed into the toe drain of Little Panoche Creek Detention Dam, located about 200 feet northwest of the dam's spillway. Approximately 40 cubic yards of sediment will be removed from the toe drain by DWR's San Luis Field Division (SLFD). After the sediment is removed, it will be placed adjacent to the toe drain, on the north side; this sediment will be graded to match the surrounding slope once work is complete. The sides of the toe drain will be recontoured and about 30 cubic yards of riprap will be placed in the drain to prevent future erosion. Using hand tools, a screen on an existing pipe in the toe drain will be removed so the pipe can be cleared of debris and sediment; the screen will be reinstalled when work is complete.

About 10 cubic yards of riprap will be placed in an erosion about 750 feet northwest of the dam's spillway at the end of an existing metal drain. No excavation will be made at this site.

All riprap used will be transported from SLFD Headquarters. State Water Project users will benefit.

Exempt/Suspend Status:

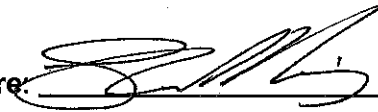
- Ministerial (§21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])
- Categorical Exemption: 15301(m) (Existing Facilities — Minor Repairs and Alterations to Existing Dams and Appurtenant Structures Under the Supervision of the Department of Water Resources)
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Minor repairs will occur at existing structures associated with a dam under DWR's supervision; the work will not expand the current use of the structures. Categorical Exemption 15301 (m) applies.

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

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Signature:  **Date:** 10/16/19 **Title:** UC Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Applicant

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