

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313

County Clerk
County of:

(Address)

Project Title: BVPP Switchyard Ground Grid Repair

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division

Project Location - Specific:
BVPP Headworks (35.1579556°, -119.3490306°)

Project Location - City: Taft

Project Location - Kern
County:

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Twelve new grounding rods will be installed into the ground around the BVPP Switchyard. The work will not involve any vegetation clearance or excavation. The grounding rods will be installed outside of the switchyard, within 15ft from the fence line. An impact hammer will be used to drive the 1/2" rods into the ground. The new rods need to be installed because of worker safety concerns. Shocking is occurring when personnel are touching equipment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Department of Water Resources-San Joaquin Field Division

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)); 15301 (b)
Categorical Exemption. State type and section

number:

- Statutory Exemptions. State code

number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is associated with maintenance of the California Aqueduct, a public utility that serves the people of California. No new structures are being proposed. No listed species are known to occur within the work area.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Juan Arellano Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661.858.5664

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: [Signature] Date: 12/17/19 Title: Environmental Scientist

- 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: ~~DEC 17 2019~~

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