

Notice of Exemption

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

Project Title: California State Parks/CAL FIRE Facilities Complex Vegetation Removal

Project Location City & County: Merced County

Project Location – Specific: Work will occur in the DWR right-of-way (ROW) along the fenceline of the California State Parks and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) facilities complex. This complex is about 3.75 miles southwest of Santa Nella and 0.20 miles south of O'Neill Forebay.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: San Luis Field Division will supervise the California Conservation Corps as they mow low-lying vegetation and remove vegetation along the fence around the California State Parks and CAL FIRE complex. All vegetation removal will occur in the DWR ROW. Herbicide will be applied to the stumps of cut vegetation to prevent regrowth; cut vegetation will be chipped onsite. The chips will be broadcast in the DWR ROW. This work will allow a clear view of the perimeter of the area, which will increase the safety and protection of personnel and property. State Parks and CAL FIRE 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 (Minor Alterations to Land)
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Work consists of removing vegetation in the DWR ROW along an existing fenceline. No healthy, mature, scenic trees will be removed. Categorical Exemption 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) applies.

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

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Signature:  **Date:** 2/11/20 **Title:** UC Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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