

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Department of Water Resources
State Water Project Analysis Office
1416 9th Street
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Project Title: California Aqueduct Turnout at Shiraz Ranch

Location -- Specific: Approximately Milepost 49.52 of the California Aqueduct. Mount Diablo meridian T7S, R8E, Sec 8, approximately 0.25 miles west of Interstate 5 and 1.0 mile north of Stuhr Road.

Location -- County: Stanislaus County

Description of Activity: The proposed project is to construct a permanent turnout which consists of installing a pump and a concrete retaining wall structure at the bank of the California Aqueduct, with approximately 100 feet of 14-inch buried polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe and an electrical control panel at the northerly canal right-of-way fence.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Del Puerto Water District (lead agency), Department of Water Resources (responsible agency).

Exempt Status:

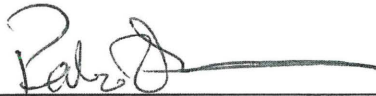
- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.
- Statutory Exemption

Reasons why activity is exempt: The proposed project is a small pump and pipeline installation and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. New construction of small structures (Section 15303).

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