

Notice of Exemption

Form D

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources
Division of Operations and Maintenance
1416 9th Street, Sacramento CA 95814

(Address)

County Clerk
County of _____

Project Title: San Luis Field Division Fire Modernization Project - Dos Amigos Pumping Plant and Siphon Control House

Project Location - Specific:

Dos Amigos Pumping Plant (DAPP) and the Siphon Control House (Siphon House) are located on the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) approximately 9 miles south of the City of Los Banos, in Merced County. DAPP is located on the north side of Poleline Road; the Siphon House is located on the south side of Poleline Road.

Project Location – City: Los Banos Project Location – County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR will install a fire detection and alarm system, fire suppression systems in the control and switchgear rooms, water mist system, fire hydrants, exterior prefabricated building. Upgrades will be made to the transformer heat detection and deluge systems, generator CO2 fire suppression and communications and HVAC system, emergency lighting and signage, egress modifications. DWR will install a prefabricated pump building and replace the existing water tower with a water tank. The Siphon House will have a hydrodynamic tank and pump installed. All equipment staging and work is within DWR right of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: 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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301(b)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and important services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves safety improvement to existing facilities. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. Because this activity can be implemented without any significant environmental impacts, the Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Sara Paiva-Lowry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 653-9342

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: Sara Paiva-Lowry Date: 4/8/2020 Title: Chief, Environmental Regulatory Compliance Section

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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