

Notice of Exemption

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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 - Gianelli Pumping Plant and Switchyard

Project Location - Specific:

The Gianelli Pumping Plant (GPP), a hydroelectric plant, and the Gianelli Switchyard Building (Switchyard) are downstream of B.F. Sisk Dam. These are approximately 12.5 miles west of the City of Los Banos in Merced County.

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR will install a new fire detection and alarm system, emergency lighting and exit signage, fire suppression systems, and upgrades to the HVAC systems at the GPP and Switchyard. DWR will install a pressure water mist system and fire hydrants, and upgrade the generator fire suppression system, safe egress paths, and transformer heat detection and deluge systems at the GPP. DWR will install a prefabricated building for a breakroom and add communications systems throughout the GPP. 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

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: APR 08 2020

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