

## 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 Aqueduct Reach 5 Erosion Repairs

**Project Location City & County:** Fresno County

**Project Location – Specific:** Erosions will be repaired, as needed, on the right (R) and left (L) sides of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) from milepost (MP) 108.65 to MP 143.24. Additional fill material will be taken from an existing San Luis Field Division (SLFD) soil stockpile. The northernmost MP is at Aqueduct Check 15; the southernmost MP is at DWR's Coalinga Operations and Maintenance Subcenter.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** SLFD will repair erosions, as needed, on both sides of Aqueduct Reach 5. The eroded material onsite will first be used to backfill the erosions; if additional material is needed, it will be transported from an existing SLFD stockpile. After being backfilled, the erosions will be compacted either by rolling with a sheep's foot roller or by using a tamper. The embankment will be recontoured to design specifications. This work will be conducted annually. State Water Project Contractors 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: 15301 (Existing Facilities)
- Statutory Exemptions:

**Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:** As needed, the project will repair erosions along the existing Aqueduct embankment and Aqueduct road on both sides of Aqueduct Reach 5. Repairs are necessary to protect the integrity of the Aqueduct and will not increase the capacity or use of it. Categorical Exemption 15301 (Existing Facilities) applies.

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

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Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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