

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources
Division of Engineering
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814

County Clerk
County of: Kern

(Address)

Project Title: CASP MP 208 Monitoring Well and Extensometer

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

35.58117 (N), -119.67819 (W), Cross Streets: Lost Hills Rd.

Project Location - City: Lost Hills Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Department of Water Resources' Project Geology Section plans to drill and install a groundwater monitoring well within the San Joaquin Field Division in the city of Lost Hills in Kern County, California. Project Geology would drill to a depth of about 800 feet using a truck mounted mud rotary drill. The staging area for equipment and materials will be located near the drilling activity location. Depending on the geology encountered while drilling, 24-hour drilling shifts may be required. If night shifts are required, two trailer mounted light towers will be used to increase visibility.

Once completed, the monitoring well will help inform how subsidence is affecting the California Aqueduct and will assist in groundwater management, subsidence mitigation, and in maintaining the infrastructure of the State Water Project.

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 6, Information Collection, Section No. 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and critical services to many Californians. Class 6 exempts actions that consist of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The purpose of this project is to drill and install a groundwater monitoring well that will help inform how subsidence is affecting the California Aqueduct. DWR has evaluated and determined that the project will not result in significant impacts to biological or cultural resources.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Marea McCann Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 882-2945

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: Daniel Whisman Date: 9/13/2022 Title: Program Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____