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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: _____
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources
3500 Industrial Blvd
West Sacramento, CA 95691
(Address)

Project Title: Fremont Weir Adult Fish Passage Project - 2026 Experimental Operation and Release

Project Applicant: Alison Collins

Project Location - Specific:

Fremont Weir Wildlife Area (38.764192, -121.646894)

Project Location - City: West Sacramento Project Location - County: Yolo County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Fremont Weir Adult Fish Passage Project (AFP) facilitates fish passage, including passage of listed salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon, between the Yolo Bypass and the Sacramento River. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR or Department) proposes to leave the AFP gate in an open position during the interim period between the first scenario identified in Attachment A and the next overtopping event as an opportunity to simplify gate operations and gather information to help support future facility management decisions. The Department anticipates leaving the gate open during this period will help to reduce potential fish stranding that would otherwise occur if the gate were to close during the short interim period between overtopping events.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California 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 Section 15306
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Information gathered during the intended operations will inform future adaptive management efforts and be considered when evaluating whether similar operational scenarios would be required in order for the project to achieve its intended purpose in comparable future hydrologic conditions.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Elizabeth Vasquez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-707-1268

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: Alison Collins Date: 12/31/2025 Title: Division 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: _____