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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: CA. Dept. of Water Resources
Northern Region Office
2440 Main Street
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PROJECT TITLE: CalSIP Stream Gage Installation Project

SCH#: 2025050150

PROJECT SPONSOR: Pixley Irrigation District

PROJECT SPONSOR CONTACT PERSON: Allison Tristao

PHONE NUMBER: 559-686-4716

PROJECT LOCATION: 559-686-4716

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project involves the installation of one stream gage consisting of two poles, approximately 2 inches in diameter, which will be driven into the ground to support the the necessary measuring equipment. Additionally, a small line will run to the bottom of the river in a trench (1.5'w x 3'd) excavated with hand tools. The installation is expected to be completed in a one-week period during dry creek conditions. No in-water work would be conducted.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: California Department of Water Resources

PUBLIC AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Brian Humphrey

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(s): 15303(d)(e), 15304(f), 15306
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):
- ☐ Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
Installation of the stream gage would involve minor trenching and backfilling, where the ground surface would be restored and no in-water work. The proposed installation of the stream gage would qualify for categorical exemptions 15303 (new construction or conversion of small structures), 15304 (minor alterations to land), and 15306 (information collection) because proposed activities would result in temporary, minor ground disturbance, collect important hydrologic data, and not result in a significant effect on the environment.

Signature: Brian Humphrey Date: 7/31/2025

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