

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources  
715 P Street  
Sacramento CA, 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Check 17 Structural Modifications

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

36.45490010665153, -120.30416349166849

Project Location - City: Unincorporated, California

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project involves the removal and demolition of the four radial gates at the Check 17 structure of the California Aqueduct. Work will include the installation and use of temporary construction platforms and the use of cutting torches. A crane, to be stabilized with blocks, will be used to lift freed material out of the canal structure. Portions of the 4-way linkage parts from the gates will be removed for future use by the DWR. The remaining parts would be placed in containers for removal from the Project site.

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 1 Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

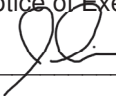
Based on review of the CEQA guidelines and project-specific information it was determined that this Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Class 1, Existing Facilities (Section 15301), as the action consists of repair and minor alterations to a public structure and will have no expansion of existing or former use. The project involves the removal of four radial gates from the check structure and will not result in significant effect on the environment. The exceptions to Class 1 categorical exemptions (CEQA Section 15300.2) do not apply to this Project

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jesse Dillon Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 699-8403

**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:  Date: 7/7/25 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: \_\_\_\_\_