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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: Santa Clara

From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources

715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
(Address)

Project Title: SBA MP 35.4 Proposed Realignment Investigation

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

South Bay Aqueduct (SBA) Mile Post 35.4, LAT: 37.466341 LONG: -121.893847

Project Location - City: Milpitas Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of geotechnical exploration and inclinometer installation near SBA MP 35.4 in Milpitas, California. Geotechnical exploration involves drilling five boreholes to a depth of about 60 feet to obtain geotechnical data and the installation of inclinometers to assess slope stability. This information will direct the longer-term design proposal of the potential SBA pipeline reroute. Rerouting the pipeline off the known landslide greatly reduces the potential for a landslide hazard impacting the SBA pipeline.

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:

Based on review of the CEQA guidelines and project-specific information it was determined that proposed geotechnical exploration is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA exemption Class 6, Information Collection. The Class 6 CEQA exemption consists of basic data collection which does not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The scope of the proposed geotechnical exploration under this effort is for information gathering purposes, specifically to inform potential modifications to the Project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kevin Gray Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 9166949088

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: Kevin Gray Date: 8/18/2025 Title: Supervising Engineer, WR

▪ 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: _____