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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of _____

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From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources
Division of Operations and Maintenance
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814
(Address)

Project Title: TADM Piezometer Cleaning (OM-OFD-2025-002)

Project Location - Specific:

Coordinates: 39°27'5.23" N, 121°41'13.69" W. Cross Streets: Hwy 99, E Hamilton Rd
SWP Facility: Thermalito Afterbay Dam (TADM)

Project Location – City: Oroville Project Location – County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR staff and Contractor will clean approx. 30 piezometers along the west and south sides of Thermalito Afterbay Dam. The piezometers will be cleaned using air compressors and water pumps mounted on a drill rig though no drilling work will be done. Air or water will be jetted inside the piezometer casing to flush out debris. Then a downhole camera inspection will be done. Soil and water removed from the piezometers will be collected in 55-gallon drums to be disposed by Contractor. All staging and work is within DWR right of way.

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 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and critical services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves routine maintenance activities. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. The Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance as this activity will be implemented without any environmental impacts.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sara Lowry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 902-7709

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: Sara Lowry Date: 8/28/2025 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR

☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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