

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
 Sacramento, California 95814

FROM: Department of Water Resources
 Division of Safety of Dams
 2720 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 300
 Sacramento, California 95833

County Clerk
 County of [County]

Tainter Gate Replacement (Merced Falls Dam No. 58-5)

Project Title

Latitude 37.52310°N, Longitude 120.32980°W

Project Location

City of Merced

County of Merced

Project Location - City

County

The proposed work includes fabricating and installing three new Tainter gates and stoplogs for the spillway.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project.

Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Merced Irrigation District, Dam Owner

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

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 I, Section 15301, (m)

Minor repairs and alterations to existing dams and appurtenant structures under the supervision of the Department of Water Resources.

Reasons why project is exempt:

Murari Paudel

(916) 820-7782

Contact Person

Area Code/Telephone/Extension

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

Date received for filing at the OPR:

Shawn Jones for EJM


Erik J. Malvick, Ph.D., P.E., G.E.

Division Manager, Division of Safety of Dams

Title

9/3/2025

Date

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