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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

☐ County Clerk
County of [County]

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

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

Latitude 37.52310°N, Longitude 120.32980°W
Project Location

City of Merced
Project Location - City

County of Merced
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
Contact Person

(916) 820-7782
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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