

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water  
Resources, San Joaquin Field  
Division  
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313

County Clerk

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

(Address)

Project Title: Pool 31 Culvert Debris Removal

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division

Project Location – Specific:

251.73: 35° 9'1.50"N , 119°20'50.64"W  
252.36: 35° 8'30.12"N, 119°20'58.21"W  
253.26: 35° 7'53.92"N, 119°21'33.49"W  
253.49: 35° 7'48.80"N, 119°21'47.36"W

Project Location – City: Bakersfield

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Joaquin field division plans to remove sediment and debris from the concrete apron of four culvert outlets along pool 31 of the State Water Project. All sediment and debris removal will be completed by hand with the use of hand tools. Sediment will be shoveled into buckets and then dumped into a crane or excavator bucket that is parked on the road. Once the bucket is full, the sediment and debris will be dumped into a dump truck. Once the dump truck is full, the sediment and debris will be dumped at the Buena Vista pumping plant spoil site. All work will be completed within the DWR right-of-way. Work is estimated to take 3 to 4 workdays. This work is necessary to inspect and maintain the culverts.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: DWR- Operations & Maintenance

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)); 15301 (b)
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project consists of maintenance activities that support the function of the California Aqueduct and water delivery within the State Water Project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Elizabeth Maldonado Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-858-5662

**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: Elizabeth Maldonado Date: 09/30/25 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist)

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: \_\_\_\_\_