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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of San Joaquin

From: (Public Agency) CA Department of Water Resources
PO Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236
(Address)

Project Title: Tom Paine Slough Geotechnical Investigations

Project Location - Specific:

37.790316° Latitude, -121.418595° Longitude

Project Location – City: N/A Project Location – County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Tom Paine Slough Geotechnical Investigations Project include soil borings and potentially cone penetration tests (CPTs) which will be used to obtain subsurface information in the vicinity of a siphon facility owned and operated by the Pescadero Reclamation District 2058. These geotechnical investigations would inform the development of design and engineering for a future project that would replace the existing siphon structures with an equivalent structure. The proposed project includes up to 9 over-water borings, and up to 7 on-land borings. All borings will have a maximum diameter of 8 inches and a maximum depth of 150 feet below ground/channel bottom. Up to 4 of the proposed on-land borings may be replaced with CPTs, which will advance to a maximum depth of approximately 100 feet. Project activities are expected to begin in summer of 2026.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CA Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CA 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
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project consists of up to 16 geotechnical soil borings and/or cone penetration tests which individually and collectively have a small, temporary impact and do not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. This information would be used to support the development of a future action that is not yet approved, adopted, or funded. None of the exceptions to the exemption apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Bill Mclaughlin Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 873-5748

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: William Mclaughlin Date: 10/6/2025 Title: Supervising Engineer

☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

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