

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Central Valley Regional Water Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200,
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

(Address)

Project Title: 2026 GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE DEL PUERTO CANYON RESERVOIR PROJECT

Project Applicant: Del Puerto Water district

Project Location - Specific:

Latitude: 37°28'32" and Longitude: -121°13'50" on Del Puerto Road

Project Location - City: Patterson Project Location - County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Central Valley is issuing a 401 Water Quality Certification for the Project. The Project consists of surface and subsurface geotechnical investigations in the proposed footprint of the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Water Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Del Puerto Water District

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: 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

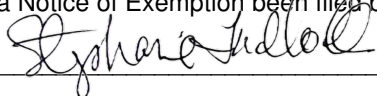
The Project is exempt because the geotechnical investigations will have only temporary impacts.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Anthea Hansen Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-892-4470

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:  Date: 29 Jan 2026 Title: Senior Env Scientist

☐ 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: _____