Notice of Exemption — Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313
(Address)

Project Title: 2025 Coastal Outage Discharge Line Inspections

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

Project Location – Specific:
DEPP: 35°42'42.84"N 120° 0'46.07"W
BLPP: 35°42'29.51"N120° 5'8.77"W
POPP: 35°43'55.5"N 120°12'31.1"W

Project Location – City: Shandon, Lost Hills Project Location – County: San Luis Obispo, Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
DWR staff will be performing discharge line inspections during the 2025 coastal outage. The vault hatches downstream of Devil's Den Pumping Plant (DEPP), Bluestone Pumping Plant (BLPP), and Polonio Pass Pumping Plant (POPP) will be removed to provide ventilation during the discharge line inspections. A crane is required to remove the hatches. At DEPP, a metal plate will be placed on top of a ditch to create an access route to the vault. At BLPP and POPP, vehicles will drive off road to reach the vaults. After inspections are completed, a crane will be used to reinstall the vault hatches. This work is necessary to safely inspect and maintain the discharge line and to continue proving water to San Luis Obispo County.

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));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 (b)
- ☐ 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: 10/14/25 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: _____