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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Department of Water Resources
San Luis Field Division, 31770 Gonzaga Rd.
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Project Title: California Aqueduct MP 132.80L Westlands Water District Drainage Pipe Repair

Project Location City and County: Fresno County

Project Location, Specific: Work will occur on the left side (L) of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) in the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) right of way at Aqueduct milepost 132.80. The work site is 500 feet east of the intersection of West Cerini and the Aqueduct.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Westlands Water District (WWD) requests encroachment permission to replace a damaged pipe about 200 feet east of a WWD turnout. WWD will excavate an approximate 35 foot by 35 foot by 8-foot-deep area. The replaced pipeline and debris will be disposed off site. After installation, the area will be backfilled and graded. The repair is necessary to maintain the operations of the facility. This project will benefit WWD and State Water Project contractors.

Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources, as Responsible Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westlands Water District, as Lead Agency

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));

X Categorical Exemption: 15305(b) Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations – Issuance of Minor Encroachment Permits

□ Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: WWD requests encroachment permission to repair an existing pipe in the DWR right of way to bring it to original design. The work will occur in an area with an average slope of less than 20 percent and will not result in any changes in land use or density. DWR, as the Responsible Agency, will issue an encroachment permit for this work. Categorical Exemption 15305 (b) (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations - Issuance of minor encroachment permits) applies.

Responsible Agency Contact:

Signature: mark mcdaniel Date: 10/21/2025

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