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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of _____

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From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources
Division of Operations and Maintenance
1416 9th Street, Sacramento CA 95814
(Address)

Project Title: Bethany Dams Valve and Gate Exercise 2025 (OM-DFD-2025-020)

Project Location - Specific:

Bethany Reservoir at Forebay Dam. Coordinates: 37°47'3.48"N, 121°37'4.44"W.
Cross Streets: Christensen Road, Bruns Road.

Project Location – City: Unincorporated Project Location – County: Alameda County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR Dam Safety Services staff will perform valve and gate exercises at the Bethany Forebay Dam (BFD). The BFD outlet works houses a butterfly valve (BFV) and a conduit in a tunnel between the valve chamber and downstream portal structure. The BFV and slide gate associated with the low-level outlet shall be exercised by fully opening and closing. To avoid a sudden release of water to the drainage ditch, the conduit between both valves will require controlled low flow release of water, limited to 10 CFS. The entire project is within the DWR right of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: 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 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and important services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves routine maintenance activities. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. Because this activity can be implemented without any significant environmental impacts, the Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sara Lowry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-902-7709

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: Sara Lowry Date: 11/17/2025 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR

☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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