

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water
Resources, San Joaquin Field
Division
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313

County Clerk

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Erosion Repair Old River Road Siphon MM270.16

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

Project Location – Specific:
35° 4'1.93"N 119° 8'1.13"W

Project Location – City: Taft

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR SJFD staff plan to repair an erosion along the aqueduct liner near the Old River Siphon. A dump truck will be used to haul in fill material. A backhoe will be used to fill and compact the erosion. A water truck may be used to control dust and aid in compaction. All work will take place by the road. All staging will take place on paved or graveled surfaces. All work will take place within DWR right-of-way. This work is necessary to maintain the structural integrity of the access road and aqueduct liner.

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));

15301 (b)

☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:

☐ 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: 12/16/2025

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: _____