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 Pool 31 Erosion Repairs

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

Project Location – Specific:
35°08'38.1"N 119°20'49.9"W
35°08'10.1"N 119°21'11.8"W
35°08'10.2"N 119°21'11.4"W

Project Location – City: Taft Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
San Joaquin Field Division plans to repair three erosions found adjacent to the primary aqueduct access road for pool 31 of the State Water Project. To complete this work, a backhoe will be used to fill and compact the erosions. A water truck may be used to control dust and aid in compaction. A dump truck will be used to bring in fill material. All vehicles and equipment will stay on the road. All work will take place within the DWR right-of-way. This work is necessary to maintain the aqueduct access roads.

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: 12/30/2025 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: _____