

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources
Division of Operations and Maintenance
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814

(Address)

County Clerk

County of _____

Project Title: CAAQ MM 45.21 Erosion Repair (OM-DFD-2026-002)

Project Location - Specific:

Coordinates: 37°23'40.39"N, 121°7'49.37"W. Cross Streets: Fink Road, Interstate 5.

SWP Facility: California Aqueduct (CAAQ). Mile Marker: 45.21

Project Location – City: PattersonProject Location – County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR staff will repair a large erosion along the outer slope of the primary side of the CAAQ at Fink Road. The loose, eroding soil will be removed, backfilled, and compacted with fill material to stabilize the bank, then covered with rip rap using an excavator, backhoe, sheep's foot roller, and water truck. It is estimated that 2 dump trucks of dirt and/or aggregate base will be used to fill the erosion. All access and work is within DWR right of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water ResourcesName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Water ResourcesExempt 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 critical 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. The Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance as this activity will be implemented without any environmental impacts.

Lead Agency

Contact Person:

Sara LowryArea 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: 1/27/2026 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

☐ Signed by Applicant

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