

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 Canal Liner Repairs (OM-SFD-2026-1)

Project Location - Specific:

Coordinates: 34°29'32"N, 117°37'24"W

Cross Streets: Hwy 18, Oasis Rd, Maple Ave, Ranchero Rd. Mile Posts: 380.0 R, 398.15 R, 399.65 R

Project Location – City: _____

Project Location – County: _____

San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR and Contractor will repair the California Aqueduct. Work will include filling voids in the CAAQ liner and concrete liner work to match the existing panels and fabric formed concrete. Dump trucks will be used to haul spoils to be disposed of at nearest waste facility. Staging will be on the existing roadway for the CAAQ. Work includes installing new water stops, concrete panels, and joint sealants, replacement of culvert drainpipes, reinforcement and hardening of drainage within SWP right-of-way. All work is within 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 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: _____
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Class 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301(b)

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 and repairs to damage from Governor declared state of emergency related to multiple severe weather events in late 2025. 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 Paiva-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?

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Yes

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No

Signature: Sara LowryDate: 1/29/2026Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

☐ Signed by Applicant

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