

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: 2026 Coastal Cathodic Protection Survey

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

Project Location – Specific:

DEPP: 35°42'43.1"N 120°00'41.4"W

Midpoint: 35°42'29.0"N 120°07'30.6"

CCWA: 35°44'08.7"N 120°13'25.7"

Project Location – City: Lost Hills, Kettleman
City, and Shandon

Project Location – County: Kern, Kings and
San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR staff will be performing their annual cathodic protection survey from Devil's Den Pumping Plant (DEPP) to the California Coastal Water Authority (CCWA). To do this work, they will test various vault locations using handheld survey equipment. To access each site, staff will travel in a standard size pick-up truck on established paved and dirt farm roads. The work is estimated to take a crew of 2 DWR personnel approximately 2 days to complete. Work is expected to start February 1, 2026. This work is necessary to monitor the integrity of the State Water Project's infrastructure.

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: 01/29/26

Title: Senior Environmental
Scientist (Specialist)

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

