

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 Rodenticide Program

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

Project Location – Specific:

Bait stations were proposed for the following sites:

POPP	35°43'52.08"N	120°12'26.85"W
BLPP	35°42'27.68"N	120°5'0.97"W
DEPP	35°42'42.55"N	120°0'39.06"W
Check 5	35°44'11.66"N	119°58'52.82"W
Check 4	35°46'25.91"N	119°58'24.46"W
Check 3	35°48'0.10"N	119°57'30.98"W
Check 22	35°51'2.87"N	119°53'25.80"W
Check 23	35°42'27.69"N	119°47'0.96"W
LHO&M	35°36'55.09"N	119°41'47.65"W
Check 24	35°34'52.16"N	119°40'42.03"W
Check 33	35°4'32.71"N	119°10'51.85"W
Check 34	35°3'54.07"N	119°6'49.96"W
WRPP	35°1'54.89"N	119°0'27.08"W
SJO&M	35°1'14.10"N	118°58'38.36"W
WGPP	35°0'55.01"N	118°58'46.48"W
Check 37	34°58'52.20"N	118°58'7.57"W
Check 38	34°57'56.41"N	118°55'2.13"W
Check 39	34°56'26.67"N	118°52'25.37"W
EDPP	34°56'37.23"N	118°49'27.88"W
Semi Tropic 2	35°33'26.35"N	119°39'56.03"W

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

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Joaquin field division plans to set modified "T" bait stations at the San Joaquin O&M center, Lost Hills O&M center, and at several pumping plants and check sites. Bait stations will be filled with ground squirrel bait (Ditrac or Kaput). All product labels and PCA recommendations will be followed. Work would mainly take place from March through November. All applicators will be certified by the Department of Regulations and will regularly check bait stations while in use. Applicators will track efficiency, restock bait traps, search for and remove ground squirrel carcasses, and ensure that all traps are in good working order. All trap entrances will be no greater than 3 inches in diameter and will be at least 12 inches above the ground to comply with environmental recommendations.

This work is necessary to protect water supply infrastructure and facilities.

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: 2/19/2026 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: _____