

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
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From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources
Division of Operations and Maintenance
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814

County Clerk
County of _____

(Address)

Project Title: CAAQ Culvert Clearing and V-Ditch Reshaping (OM-DFD-2026-006)

Project Location - Specific:

California Aqueduct (CAAQ), Mile Markers 1.02 to 46.18

Coordinates: LAT: 37°49'27.45" N, LONG: 121°35'54.92" W to LAT 37°22'50.87" N, LONG 121°7'29.76" W

Project Location – City: multiple Project Location – County: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR staff will inspect all culverts along the primary and secondary sides of the CAAQ from Banks Pumping Plant intake channel and Check 1 to Check 8. Following inspections, culverts will be repaired and cleared of sediment/debris as needed with hand tools or backhoe, then injected with high pressure raw water. V-ditches will also be cleaned and reshaped as needed by road grader. Staging and access will be on existing roadways. All work will be within the 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 Resources

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: 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 to prevent erosion damage to SWP facilities. 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 Lowry Area 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: 4/30/2026 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
- Signed by Applicant

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