

**Notice of Exemption****Form D**

**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

(Address)

County Clerk

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: Reach 4 Erosion Repair (OM-SLFD-2026-010)

Project Location - Specific:

Coordinates: LAT 36°52'14.55"N, LONG: 120°47'5.48"W

Cross Streets: Poleline Road, Sharon Road; SWP Facility: CAAQ, Mile Marker 91.50

Project Location – City: UnincorporatedProject Location – County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR staff will repair one erosion on the eastern side of Reach 4 of the California Aqueduct at MM 91.50. The erosion will be repaired by collapsing eroded soil, backfilling with native soil, and compacting using a backhoe. Approximately 10 cubic yards of fill will be needed. A water truck will be used for dust mitigation purposes and to ensure proper soil moisture. All staging and access will be on established paved and unpaved roads. All 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?

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Yes

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No

Signature: Sara LowryDate: 6/9/2026Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Signed by Applicant

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