Notice of Exemption — Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313
(Address)

Project Title: Pool 2 Coastal Branch Secondary Road Erosion Repair

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources (DWR), San Joaquin Field Division (SJFD)

Project Location – Specific:
35°49'46.1"N 119°54'43.8"W

Project Location – City: Kettleman City Project Location – County: Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
San Joaquin Field Division plans to fill and compact an erosion along the secondary access road of Pool 2. A dump truck will be used to haul in fill material. A backhoe will be used to fill and compact the erosion. A water truck may be used to control dust and aid in compaction. A compaction wheel may be used. All work will take place by the road. All staging will take place on paved or graveled surfaces. All work will take place within the DWR right-of-way. This work is necessary to maintain the structural integrity of the access road and the California aqueduct.

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: 7/7/2026 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: _____