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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of _____

From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources
Division of Operations and Maintenance
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814
(Address)

Project Title: Reach 6 and 7 Erosion Repair (OM-SLFD-2026-011)

Project Location - Specific:

Coordinates: LAT 36°19'17.67"N, LONG 120°12'42.30"W to LAT 36° 3'20.58"N, LONG 120° 0'42.49"W
Cross Streets: Hwy 145, South El Dorado Ave, Hwy 198, Avenal Cutoff Rd, 30th Ave; SWP Facility: CAAQ, MM 143.23 to 172.40

Project Location – City: Unincorporated

Project Location – County: Fresno, Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR staff will repair multiple erosions on the primary and secondary sides of Reaches 6 and 7 of the California Aqueduct. A backhoe will be used to gather material on site, place it back on the erosions, and grade the surface. Base rock will be used to fill larger erosion. A water truck will be used for dust mitigation purposes and to ensure proper soil moisture. Some locations require installation or replacement of down drains. 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 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. 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: Janine Beck

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 902-7159

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: _____ Date: 7/9/2026 Title: Environmental Coordinator, DWR

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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