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County of Imperial

☐ File
IID - ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION SECTION

From: (Public Agency)
IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Address: P.O. BOX 937
IMPERIAL, CA 92251

Project Title: Drop 1 Hydro Rake System Replacement Project

Project Location - Specific: Holtville 15 Miles E/O Interstate 8 1/4th Mile N/O & 1.5 Mile E/O Gordons Well

Project Location - City: Holtville Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Replacement of an end-of-life DT8300 debris removal hydro rake system with a modern, automated DT9300 system at the Drop 1 facility. The purpose of the project is to improve operational reliability, enhance worker safety, and support continued hydroelectric generation by replacing degraded equipment that has limited replacement part availability. 

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Imperial Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Imperial Irrigation District

POSTED**Exempt Status: (check one)****JUL 08 2026**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 1526(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Section 15301 & Class 2 Section 15302
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Imperial County Clerk-Recorder
California

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt because it consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public utility structures and mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use. It involves the replacement of existing utility structures and mechanical equipment with a new system located on the same site.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jeremy Brooks

Area Code/Telephone
Extension: (760) 554-8481

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: Wayne K. Strumpfer Digitally signed by Wayne K. Strumpfer
Date: 2026.07.06 13:07:49 -07'00' Date: 07/06/2026

Title: General Counsel

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant ☐ IID Board Approved _____

Date received for filing at OPR: _____



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DATE: June 17, 2026

SUBJECT: CEQA Exemption Finding for Drop 1 Hydro Rake System Replacement Project

Project Overview

- **Project Title:** Drop1 Hydro Rake System Replacement Project
- **Location:** Holtville 15 Miles E/O Interstate 8 ¼ Mile N/O & 1.5 Mile E/O Gordon Well, Holtville CA
- **County:** Imperial County
- **Lead Agency:** Imperial Irrigation District

Project Description

The Imperial Irrigation District is undertaking a project to replace an end-of-life DT8300 debris removal hydro rake system with a modern, automated DT9300 system at the Drop 1 facility. Major work includes the installation of new hydraulic manifold systems, a boom assembly, rake head, raking flags, pendant radio remote control, hydraulic oil cooler, festoon cable system, hydraulic reservoirs, motors, pumps, control panels, and associated electrical and hydraulic equipment. The project will also replace the existing microswitch-based controls with a modern proximity sensor system and install new HMI/PLC controls to enable automated operation and improved system monitoring. Existing rails and transporter/conveyor equipment will remain in service and be integrated with the new rake system. The purpose of this project is to improve operational reliability, enhance worker safety, and support continued hydroelectric generation by replacing degraded equipment that has limited replacement part availability

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE UNIT

Environmental Determination

The IID Environmental Compliance Unit has formally reviewed the proposed scope of work and determined that the project is exempt from further environmental analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project qualifies for the following Categorical Exemptions:

- **Class 1, Section 15301:** Existing Facilities
- **Class 2, Section 15302:** Replacement or Reconstruction

Justification for Exemption

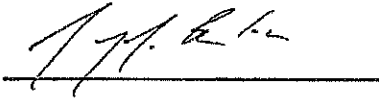
This determination is based on the following findings:

- The project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public utility structures and mechanical equipment.
- The project involves negligible or no expansion of the existing use.
- The work involves the replacement of existing utility structures and mechanical equipment with a new system located on the same site.
- No special permitting or conditions are required for this project.

Certification

I hereby certify that the Imperial Irrigation District has reviewed the Drop 1 Hydro Rake System Replacement Project and independently found it to be categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15302 of the State CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder and the Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse) to comply with CEQA.

Certified By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Brooks', is written over a horizontal line.

Jeremy Brooks

Environmental Compliance Unit

Imperial Irrigation District

LOCATION MAP

