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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of _____

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

Project Title: SBA Culvert and V-Ditch Clearing (OM-DFD-2026-012)

Project Location - Specific:

South Bay Aqueduct (SBA), Mile Markers (MM) 3.25 to 16.33
Coordinates: LAT: 37°45'56.32"N, LONG: 121°40'27.08"W to LAT: 37°39'17.55"N, LONG: 121°44'31.85"W

Project Location – City: Livermore Project Location – County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR staff will clean out multiple culverts located on both the primary and secondary side of the SBA. Upstream opening of culverts will be cleared by hand tools or backhoe, removed material pushed into v-ditch, then spread and drainage shaped by road grader. A hose and pump will inject high pressure raw water from the upstream side through the culvert to mimic natural flow until it is clear of sediment and debris. All equipment and 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 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: 7/15/2026 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR

☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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