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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of San Joaquin

From: (Public Agency) California Department of Water Resources

3500 Industrial Blvd, West Sacramento 95691
(Address)

Project Title: South Delta Data Collection

Project Location - Specific:

Old River (37.8107, -121.54444);
Grant Line - Fabian Bell Canal (37.81952, -121.5141; 37.81945, -121.5315; and 37.81944, -121.5445);
Middle River (37.88552, -121.4825)

Project Location – City: Unincorporated Project Location – County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project consists of land, boat, and drone surveys at various locations, collecting detailed data to support the South Delta Gates Project. Activities will include bathymetric surveying on canal waterways using ADCP RC boat, spot surveys using total stations or RTK base stations and rovers, and drone data collection. These activities are expected to have minimal impact though there may be some vegetation removal using hand tools/handheld trimmers to allow survey data collection. There will be cross sections surveyed every 50' along centerline of the waterways in the project area; any vegetation along these cross sections may be trimmed back to allow for data collection. There will also be utilities location activities that may require digging to daylight utilities. A drone will be flown within the footprint of the survey area, ~250' above ground surface, to collect aerial imagery.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California 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 6, Section No. 15306
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 6 exempts actions for data collection and resource evaluation which do not result in significant impact to an environmental resource. DWR has evaluated cultural and biological resources and has determined the project will not result in significant impacts.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kate Le Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-902-9895

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: Kate Le Date: 9/11/2026 Title: Senior Water Resources Engineer

☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

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