

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water
Resources, San Joaquin Field
Division
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313

County Clerk

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Golden Mussel Mitigation Project Electrical Install at Check 22

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division

Project Location – Specific:

Check 22: 35°51'02.9"N 119°53'26.1"W

Start of Coastal Branch: 35°51'11.3"N 119°53'33.1"W

Project Location – City: Kettleman City

Project Location – County: Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The field division plans to install a 120v receptacle and lighting for the chemical injection system for the Golden Mussel Mitigation Project. This work will involve excavating a 2-feet wide by 2-feet deep by 1,180-foot long trench. The trench will start at Check Site 22 of the State Water Project and run along the secondary aqueduct access road. The trench will terminate at the start of the Coastal Branch. A backhoe will be used to dig the trench. Once PVC conduit is installed, the trench will be backfilled. All work will take place within the DWR right-of-way. This work is necessary to provide power to the chemical injection system, which is needed to protect the California aqueduct from invasive mussels.

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)); 15301 (b)

☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:

☐ 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: 9/1/2026

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: _____

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