

**Notice of Exemption****Form D**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources  
Division of Operations and Maintenance  
715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814

(Address)

County Clerk

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: MM 6.50 Fiber Optic Erosion Repair (OM-DFD-2026-021)

Project Location - Specific:

California Aqueduct (CAAQ), Mile Marker 6.50

Coordinates: LAT: 37°45'55.44"N, LONG: 121°35'35.17"W. Cross streets: West Grant Line Rd, Mountain House Rd

Project Location – City: Mountain HouseProject Location – County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR staff will cover an exposed fiber optic cable and repair an erosion near the exposed cable along the outer slope of the CAAQ near Bethany Reservoir at MM 6.50. Loose, eroding soil will be removed using an excavator. One dump truck of dirt fill will be used and compacted with a backhoe with sheep's foot roller to stabilize the area. A water truck will be used for dust control and to ensure proper soil compaction. Staging and work will be within the DWR right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water ResourcesName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Water ResourcesExempt 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 LowryArea 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: 9/17/2026 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Signed by Applicant

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