

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
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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: Patterson Valve Exercise (OM-DFD-2026-018)

Project Location - Specific:

Patterson Dam. South Bay Aqueduct. Coordinates: 37°41'51.36"N, 121°41'3.93"W.

Cross Streets: Patterson Pass Road and Greenville Road

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR Division of Safety of Dams will perform a valve exercise at the Patterson Dam outlet works consisting of a butterfly valve (BFV), a steel conduit, a downstream BFV, and concrete conduit that conveys water to the outlet dissipation structure. The downstream BFV associated with the low-level outlet will be exercised by fully opening and closing. To avoid a sudden release of water to the drainage ditch, the steel conduit between both valves will require dewatering. The volume of water between the valves is approx. 881 gallons. The entire project is 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. 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: 9/21/2026 Title: Environmental Program Manager, DWR

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
☐ Signed by Applicant

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