

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

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County Clerk

County of: Merced
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From: (Public Agency): SWRCB - Division of Water Rights
Mailing Address: Attn: Mina Mohammadzadeh P.O. Box
Sacramento, CA 95812

(Address)

Project Title: Updating the point of diversion for A011555

Project Applicant: GBRK LLC

Project Location - Specific:

Along the Merced River, near Stevinson, CA in Merced County

Project Location - City: Newman Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

GBRK LLC petitioned for a Minor Change to the point of diversion for License 3459. The diversion pump was relocated over 15 years ago, but License 3459 was never updated to reflect the new location. No physical work is needed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: SWRCB - Division of Water Rights (DWR)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: GBRK LLC

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: 15301.b
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project involves updating the point of diversion which is an existing facility.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Mina Mohammadzadeh Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 327-8556

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: Jason Headington Date: 09/17/2026 Title: Senior WRCE

☒ 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: _____