Notice of Exemption — Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313
(Address)

Project Title: 2026 Emergency Overchute Work (Mettler)

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

Project Location – Specific:
OC 244.65: 35°13'57.0"N 119°19'55.0"W
OC 246.51: 35°13'07.5"N 119°21'22.6"W
OC 291.19: 34°56'17.4"N 118°51'27.7"W

Project Location – City: Bakersfield Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
San Joaquin field division plans to clean out overchute 244.65, 246.51, and 291.19. To complete this work, staff will use hand tools to remove sediment and debris from the overchutes, dragon teeth, and concrete aprons. A water truck or pump will be used to wash down the overchutes. A vacuum truck will be used to remove sediment and water. A dump truck will be used to haul off debris. A skid steer might be used on overchute 246.51 and 291.19 to aid with debris removal. If necessary, a crane may also be used to move equipment and remove debris. All work will take place within the DWR right-of-way. Work is expected to take two to five days per site. This work is necessary to maintain overchutes.

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));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 (b)
- ☐ 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: 10/13/2026 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: _____