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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Kern

From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources
715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: EP 2009 HWY 166 Canal Repair

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Project Location - Specific:

California Aqueduct at Milepost 272.5L, 35°03'32.4" N, 119°05'38.8" W.

Project Location - City: Kern County (near Maricopa) Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Targeted repair of existing California Aqueduct concrete liner panels to address subsurface voids and leakage caused during Caltrans micropile installation at Bridge 50-0323. Work includes diver inspections, pressure washing, controlled coring of grout holes, and gravity (zero-pressure) grout injection to restore structural bedding, seal leaks, and protect aqueduct integrity. Beneficiaries include reliable water conveyance and public infrastructure safety.

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), §15301(b)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of repair of an existing public utility facility (the California Aqueduct) without expansion of use. Activities are limited to underwater concrete liner repair within the existing facility footprint and will not result in significant environmental effects. A review of CEQA exemption exceptions (14 CCR §15300.2) found none apply.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Colton Johnson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-398-1557

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? x Yes ☐ No

Signature: Kacy Kimball Date: 10/29/2026 Title: Supervising ROW Agent

▪ 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: _____