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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: Merced
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

From: (Public Agency): Del Puerto Water District
PO Box 1596
Patterson, CA 95363
(Address)

Project Title: Subsidence Benchmarks

Project Applicant: Del Puerto Water District

Project Location - Specific:
See Attached

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The proposed Project involves driving five (5) subsidence benchmark rods into the ground until refusal and setting a 6-inch diameter concrete monument surrounding each rod. The Project is a component of improving the monitoring network for Land Subsidence as part of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Del Puerto Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Del Puerto Water District

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: 15306, Information Collection
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The proposed Project will fill data gaps in the GSA's subsidence monitoring network. The installation of the benchmarks would require minor ground disturbance and would not result in a major disturbance to an environmental resource and qualifies for Categorical Exemption 15306.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Adam Scheuber Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-892-4470

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: Adam Scheuber Date: 9/22/2026 Title: Deputy General Manager - Water Resources

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: _____