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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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County of Imperial
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IID - ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION SECTION

From: (Public Agency)
IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Address: P.O. BOX 937
IMPERIAL, CA 92251

Project Title: Drop 5 Hydro Trash Rake Project

Project Location - Specific: Along the All-American Canal near 1579 Carr Road, Calexico, CA 92231

Project Location – City: Calexico **Project Location – County:** Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves replacing the existing trash rake system at the Drop 5 Hydroelectric Facility with a new Hydrorake system, including upgraded mechanical components and controls. The replacement will address aging and deteriorated equipment, improve debris removal reliability, reduce maintenance requirements, and enhance personnel safety.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Imperial Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Imperial Irrigation District

Exempt Status: ***(check one)***

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 1526(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ■ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 2, Section 15302
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

IID has determined that the project qualifies for an exemption under 14 CCR § 15302 (Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction). The replacement system will serve substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing equipment, with all work occurring within the established facility footprint and no expansion of use or generating capacity.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jeremy Brooks **Area Code/Telephone Extension:** (760) 339-9632

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: _____ **Date:** 10/14/2026

Title: General Counsel

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☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant ☐ IID Board Approved

Date received for filing at OPR:

OCT 28 2026

POST FOR 30 DAYS

Imperial County Clerk-Recorder
California

DATE: Oct 13, 2026

SUBJECT: CEQA Exemption Finding for the Drop 5 Hydro Trash Rake Project

Project Overview

- **Project Title:** Drop 5 Hydro Trash Rake Project
- **Location:** 1579 Carr Road, Calexico, CA 92231; Drop 5 Hydroelectric Facility along the All-American Canal.
- **County:** Imperial County
- **Lead Agency:** Imperial Irrigation District (IID)

Project Description

The Imperial Irrigation District (IID) proposes to replace the existing trash rake system at the Drop 5 Hydroelectric Facility along the All-American Canal. The project includes removing the existing deteriorated equipment and installing a new Hydrorake system with upgraded mechanical components and controls. All work will occur within the existing hydroelectric facility and will not expand the facility footprint or increase its generating capacity. The purpose of the project is to address age-related deterioration, restore reliable mechanical debris removal at the intake, reduce maintenance requirements and the risk of unplanned outages, and improve equipment operability and personnel safety.

Environmental Determination

The IID Environmental Compliance Unit has formally reviewed the proposed scope of work and determined that the project is exempt from further environmental analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project qualifies for the following Categorical Exemptions:

- **Class 1, Section 15302:** Replacement or Reconstruction

Justification for Exemption

This determination is based on the following findings:

- The project consists of replacing the existing trash rake system and associated equipment at an operational hydroelectric facility.
- The replacement system will serve substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing equipment.
- All work will occur within the established facility footprint.
- The project will not result in an expansion of the existing facility or its generating capacity.
- There will be no change to the historically approved use of the site.
- No significant environmental impacts are anticipated because of project implementation.

Certification

I hereby certify that the Imperial Irrigation District has reviewed the Drop 5 Hydro Trash Rake Project and independently found it to be categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15302 of the State CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder and the Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse) to comply with CEQA.

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Jeremy Brooks
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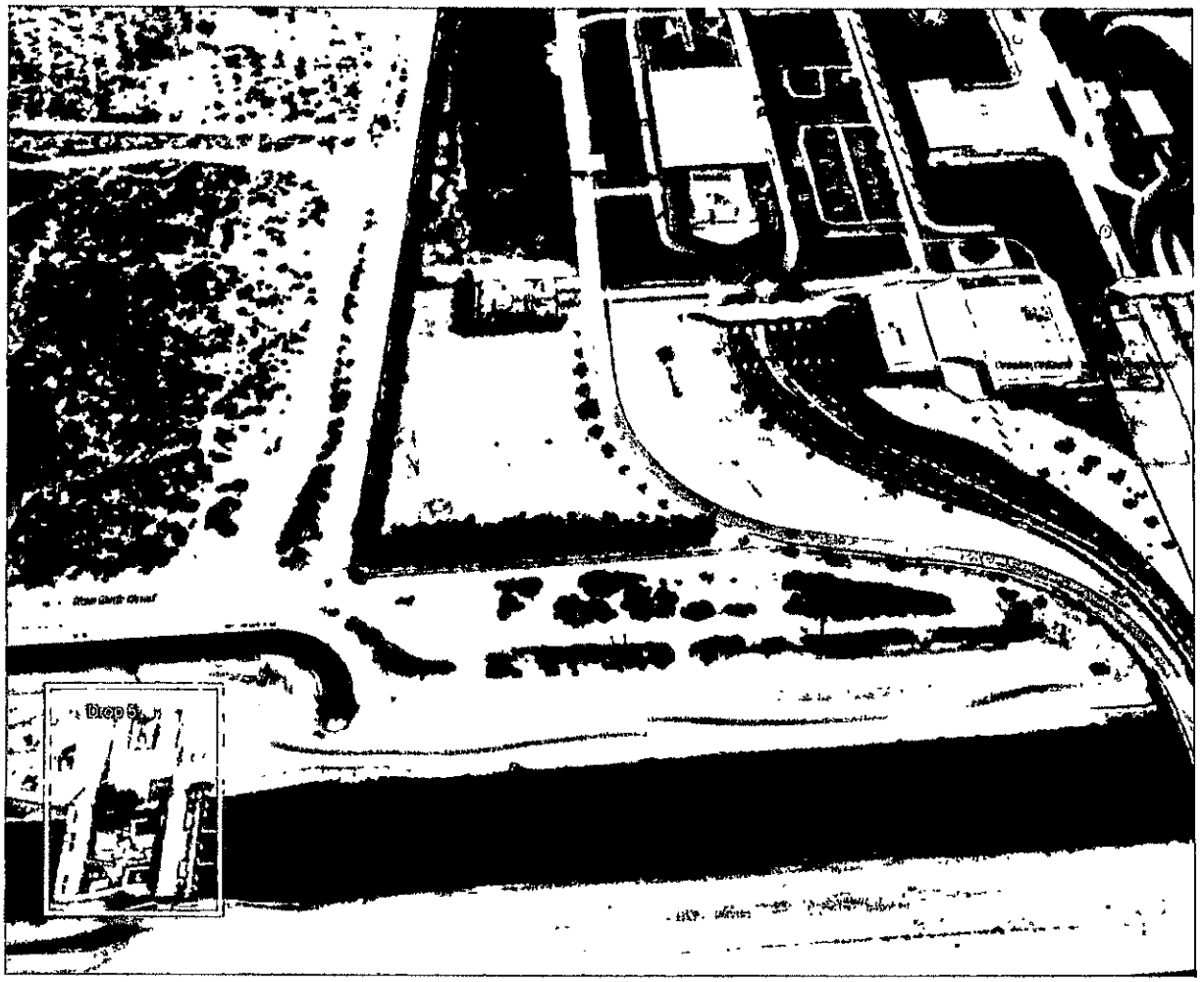
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