Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Kern
1115 Truxtun Avenue
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From: (Public Agency): Belridge Water Storage District
8501 Brimhall Road, Suite 202
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(Address)

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Project Title: Belridge Penstock & Vessel Rehabilitation Project

Project Applicant: Belridge Water Storage District

Project Location - Specific:
Belridge Pump Stations A and B and associated penstocks, Kern County.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Kern County Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project consists of rehabilitation and replacement of existing BWSD water conveyance facilities, including penstock repairs, valve replacement, surge vessel rehabilitation, associated piping improvements, and temporary bypass pumping facilities needed to maintain water deliveries during construction. The work would restore existing facilities and would not increase system capacity or expand the service area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Belridge Water Storage District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Belridge Water Storage 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: Class 1 and Class 2; Sections 15301 and 15302(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project qualifies for Class 1 under Section 15301 as repair and rehabilitation of existing public water facilities with no expansion of use. Class 2 under Section 15302 also applies to replacement of existing utility facilities for substantially the same purpose and capacity. Temporary bypass pumping would maintain service during construction. No capacity or service-area expansion is proposed.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Justin Rowe Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-633-9022

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: 11/4/26 Title: General Manager

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: _____