Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Kern
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From: (Public Agency): Lost Hills Water District
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Project Title: Canal 7N Lining Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Lost Hills Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Approximately 4,600 feet of Canal 7N starting near LHWD Turnout 7 on the California Aqueduct, approximately 1.5 miles north of G.P. Rd.

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project consists of replacing approximately 4,600 feet of deteriorated EPDM rubber canal liner with HDPE liner along existing Canal 7N. Work would be confined to the existing canal prism and associated disturbed access areas. The Project would restore the existing canal lining system, reduce seepage, and improve reliability without increasing canal capacity or expanding the District's service area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Lost Hills Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lost Hills 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: 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 an existing public water conveyance facility with no expansion of use. Class 2 under Section 15302(c) also applies because the deteriorated canal liner would be replaced within the existing canal for substantially the same purpose and capacity. No increase in canal 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: 11/5/26 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: _____