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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: Madera, Fresno

From: (Public Agency): State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812
(Address)

Project Title: Water Transfer, Instream Flow Dedication, and Rediversion to Friant Contractors

Project Applicant: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

Project Location - Specific:
Friant Division Central Valley Project (CVP) Service Area

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Madera, Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The State Water Board approved a transfer, instream flow dedication, and rediversion of up to 45,000 acre-feet of water from Reclamation to Friant Division CVP Contractors under Reclamation's License 1986, and Permits 11885, 11886, and 11887. The transfer implements the San Joaquin River Restoration Program.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

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

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- D Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- !!! Statutory Exemptions. State code number: section 15282(u), CA Water Code section 1729

Reasons why project is exempt:
Temporary transfers of water under Water Code section 1725, et seq. are exempt from the requirements of Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) of the Public Resources Code (CEQA Guidelines section 15282).

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Derek Wadsworth Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-322-9255

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: Derek Wadsworth Date: 11/24/2026 Title: Acting Program 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 _____

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