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**Notice of Exemption**

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From: Dept. of Water Resources  
1416 9th Street  
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**Lead Agency:** California Department of Water Resources

**Project Title:** San Luis Field Division Water Level Instrumentation Installation

**Project Location City & County:** All the work sites are in Fresno County

**Project Location – Specific:** All work sites are on the left side (L) of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct). MP 131.14L is located approximately 7 miles south of the community of Cantua Creek. MP 160.45L is located approximately 4 miles southeast of the City of Huron. MP 163.26L is located approximately 6 miles southeast of the City of Huron.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Water level instrumentation equipment (instrumentation) will be installed at the three locations listed above. Installation of the instrumentation includes trenching for cables, pouring concrete slabs, installing steel posts (for the instrument housing unit), installing a mast and connecting solar panels and antennae on the mast, and attaching water sensor components on the Aqueduct concrete liner. The total amount of temporary trenching at the 3 sites will be 200 feet. The total area of permanent improvements for this work is approximately 50 square feet, including concrete slabs and steel posts.

**Exempt/Suspend Status:**

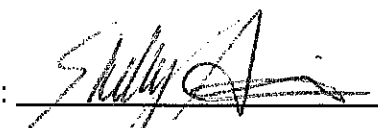
- Ministerial (§21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])
- Categorical Exemption: 15306 (Information Collection)
- Statutory Exemptions:

**Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:** The project involves installation of instrumentation that will collect Aqueduct water level data; the project will not cause any serious or major disturbance of any environmental resource.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Department of Water Resources

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**Signature:**  **Date:** 3/5/19 **Title:** Program Manager

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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