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Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Dept. of Water Resources
San Luis Field Division, 31770
Gonzaga Rd. CA 95322

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Project Title: California Aqueduct Reach 7 Erosion Repairs

Project Location City & County: Fresno and Kings

Project Location – Specific: The northernmost erosion site is MP 155.75L, which is about 1.7 miles northeast of the City of Huron; the southernmost site is about 0.5 miles west of Kettleman City. The northernmost borrow site is approximately 2.37 miles east and 2.53 miles south of the intersection of Highway 269 and Highway 198; the southernmost borrow site is approximately 2.44 miles east and 1.22 miles north of the intersection of Highway 269 and Interstate 5.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: DWR's San Luis Field Division (SLFD) will repair erosions on both sides of Reach 7. The erosions will be backfilled with the eroded material remaining at each site. If more fill is required, it will be imported from existing SLFD borrow sites. Once backfilled, each site will be compacted either by using a sheepsfoot roller attachment or by using a tamper. After compacting, the embankments will be re-contoured. This work occurs annually. State Water Project Contractors will benefit.

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: 15301
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: The project involves repairing erosions in existing Aqueduct embankments. The project will not increase the capacity or use of the Aqueduct. Categorical Exemption 15301 (Existing Facilities) applies.

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

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Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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