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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Address)

Project Title: Temporary Urgency Change Petitions of License 1986 and Permits 11885, 11886 & 11887

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

Project Location - Specific:

The San Joaquin River at Millerton Reservoir to the Mendota Pool

Project Location - City: Mendota, CA Project Location - County: Fresno and Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Reclamation filed temporary urgency change petitions for the above-mentioned water rights with the Division of Water Rights on May 14, 2019, to request the addition of the Mendota Pool as a point of redirection of water previously stored in Millerton Reservoir. The water will be provided to various wildlife refuges this summer.

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

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));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sections 15307 and 15308
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15307 exempts actions by regulatory agencies for protection of natural resources, and Section 15308 exempts actions by regulatory agencies for protection of the environment. Approval of the temporary urgency change petitions will allow Reclamation to provide an uninterrupted supply of water to federal, state, and local wildlife refuges this summer.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Kathryn Gaffney Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-341-5360

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: Julie Ruggi Date: AUG 02 2019 Title: Assistant Deputy Director

[X] 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.

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