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**Project Title:** Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District, Traveling Water Screen at Turnout WRM-9A (SCH# 2020030755)

**Location -- Specific:** Approximately, Milepost 279.02 of the California Aqueduct.

**Location -- County:** Kern County

**Description of Activity:** The proposed project will modify the existing Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water District Turnout 9A in Reach 15A, to install a new traveling water screen along with associated electrical work. The traveling water screen will collect trash from the aqueduct and deposit it into a new collection pad.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity:** Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (lead agency) and Department of Water Resources (responsible agency).

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemption

**Reasons why activity is exempt:** The proposed project is a minor alteration of an existing facility and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Existing Facilities (Section 15301).

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