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Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research   **From:** Dept. of Water Resouces
          P.O. Box 3044, Room 113   San Luis Field Division, 31770
          Sacramento, CA 95812-3044   Gonzaga Rd. CA 95322

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Project Title: California Aqueduct Reach 2B Erosion Repairs

Project Location City & County: Stanislaus and Merced Counties

Project Location – Specific: Erosions will be repaired throughout Reach 2B of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct). The northernmost location is at milepost (MP) 46.20, about 3.10 miles west of the community of Crows Landing; the southernmost location is at MP 70.82, which is at O'Neill Forebay.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Embankment erosions in Reach 2B will be collapsed, filled, and sequentially compacted until all the available eroded material onsite has been used. If additional fill is needed, material will be transported from existing San Luis Field Division stockpiles. After the erosions are completely filled, they will be compacted. The embankments will be recontoured to the original slope. This work will be completed annually. State Water Project users will benefit.
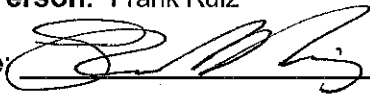
Exempt/Suspend Status:

☐ 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 (Existing Facilities)

☐ Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: The project will repair erosions along both sides of the existing Aqueduct embankment in Reach 2B, as needed. Repairs are necessary to protect the integrity of the Aqueduct and will not increase the capacity or use of it. Categorical Exemption 15301 (Existing Facilities) applies.

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

Contact Person: Frank Ruiz   **Telephone:** (209) 827-5134

Signature: _____   **Date:** 8/6/20   **Title:** UC Supervisor

☒ Signed by Lead Agency   **Governor's Office of Planning & Research**

☐ Signed by Applicant   **Aug 06 2020**

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