

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water  
Resources, San Joaquin Field  
Division  
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313

County Clerk  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Address)

Project Title: POPP Drainage Repair

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division

Project Location – Specific:  
Polonio Pass Pumping Plant (35.79226704144066, -120.21952330624467) Coastal Branch MM 26.54

Project Location – City: Shandon Project Location – County: San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
DWR San Joaquin Field Division (SJFD) plans to repair and reinforce an existing drain. This work will include constructing an open-air concrete culvert, a river rock bed, and 4 gabion structures. The drain is used to redirect water from winter storms away from the Polonio Pass Pumping Plant (POPP) and when draining the POPP forebay for maintenance and repair. These improvements to the drain are needed to prevent any further damage/erosion to the adjacent ephemeral drainage.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: DWR - San Joaquin Field Division

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)); 15301 (b)
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:


This project consists of maintenance and preventative activities that support the function of the California Aqueduct and water delivery within the State Water Project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Elizabeth Maldonado Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-858-5662

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:  Date: 12/23/2020 Title: Environmental Scientist

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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_