Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of _____

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From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources

Division of Operations and Maintenance

1416 9th Street, Sacramento CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Clifton Court Rodent Burrow Remediation Hand Auger Exploration (OM-DFD-2021-032)

Project Location - Specific:

Coordinates: 37°50'14.32"N, 121°35'34.15"W. Cross Streets are Clifton Court Rd and Byron Highway. Clifton Court Forebay Mile Markers at approximately Dam Station 20+00 to 401+50.

Project Location – City: Byron

Project Location – County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR staff will perform hand auger and hand digging confirmation exploration holes along the downstream slope and toe of Clifton Court Forebay embankment. A maximum of 215 locations are proposed, avoiding known burrow locations. Each hole will be up to 36" deep using an approx. 3" diameter auger or standard spade shovel. Samples of the topsoil and embankment material will be taken for laboratory soil index testing, visual observation, and in-place density tested using a portable nuclear gauge. The holes will then be backfilled with the excavated material and compacted by hand tamping tools. Project footprint is within DWR right of way. Vehicles will stay on the gravel or paved access roads.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Water Resources

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));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 6, Information Collection, Section No. 15306
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and important services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves data collection activities for a safe water supply. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. Because this activity can be implemented without any significant environmental impacts, the Categorical Exemption Class 6 will be used for CEQA compliance.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jennifer Worsley

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-902-7189

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: _Jennifer Worsley_   Date: 12/15/2021   Title: Sr ES, Environmental Regulatory Compliance Section

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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