

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

Project Title: 2022 Cathodic Protection Surveys

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

Project Location – Specific:

Various Locations along the California Aqueduct Coastal Branch from MP 14.86 (35.7120219019565, -120.01103295067556) to MP 27.55 (35.735397747095156, -120.22200785289576)

Project Location – City: Lost Hills

Project Location – County: Kern/Kings/ San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR O&M Engineering plans to perform cathodic protection surveys along the California Aqueduct coastal branch in order to ensure the integrity of the pipeline. O&M Engineering will test vault locations located between Devil's Den Pumping Plant and California Coastal Water Authority. All testing will be done using handheld equipment, and locations will be accessed using existing paved and dirt roads.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: DWR- Operations & Maintenance

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 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: Elizabeth Maldonado Date: 1/31/2022 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: \_\_\_\_\_