

**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: Surge Tank Erosion Repairs

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources (DWR), San Joaquin Field Division (SJFD)

Project Location – Specific:

The project area encompasses the fenced in area around the surge tank (34°55'45.5"N, 118°48'21.2"W) and the dirt access roads between the Edmonston Pumping Plant (34°56'37.1"N 118°49'27.5"W) and the Surge Tank.

Project Location – City: Arvin Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

SJFD staff will repair erosions that were recently created by water that escaped the surge tank due to damaged cables. These erosions are located within the surge tank fenced in area and along 2 dirt access roads that connect Edmonston Pumping plant to the surge tank. To fix these erosions, dump trucks will be used to haul in native soil. A loader would be used to move debris and dirt. A motor grader will be used to re-grade the 2 dirt access roads and the fenced in area around the surge tank. A skid steer will be used to spread dirt, reshape the slopes within the fenced in area to its original condition, and to clean up smaller spaces where larger equipment can not reach. A crane and boom truck will be used to move the skid steer. A water vacuum truck will be used to clean out drains. This work is necessary to keep the integrity of the surge tank and to provide access to the surge tank.

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: 12/09/22 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: \_\_\_\_\_