

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

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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: Pool 28 Erosion Repairs

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

Project Location – Specific:

The project site starts at check site 27 (35°20'14.2"N 119°26'17.0"W) and ends at check site 28 (35°17'45.6"N 119°20'38.8"W) of the State Water Project California Aqueduct.

Project Location – City: Tupman

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Joaquin Field Division staff plans to repair erosions and to replace drains along pool 28 of the State Water Project California Aqueduct. To repair erosions, craftworkers will use a backhoe to fill in erosions with base material. A dump truck will be used to haul in material. A water truck will be used to control dust and to aid in compaction. A wacker packer or compaction wheel may also be used to aid in compaction. To replace drains, craftworkers will cut the asphalt using a walk behind saw. A backhoe will be used to remove the asphalt and dirt. If utility lines are present, a vector truck will be used to suck material. Afterwards, the broken pipe will be removed, and a new pipe will be installed. A dump truck will haul in base material. A backhoe will move dirt. A wacker packer will be used to compact dirt. A PB loader truck will bring in a hot mix of asphalt. A viber plate will compact the asphalt. All staging will take place on and along the aqueduct access roads, and all work will take place within the DWR right-of-way. This work is necessary to maintain the structural integrity of the access roads and the California aqueduct.

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: 03/20/23 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: \_\_\_\_\_