

**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: Pool 29 Erosion Repairs

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

Project Location – Specific:

The project site starts at check site 28 (35°17'45.6"N 119°20'38.8"W) and ends at check site 29 (35°13'56.2"N 119°19'47.9"W) of the State Water Project California Aqueduct.

Project Location – City: Taft

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Joaquin Field Division staff plans to repair several erosions along pool 29 of the State Water Project California Aqueduct. To repair erosions, craft workers will use a backhoe to fill in and compact erosions. A dump truck will be used to haul in base material. A water truck will be used to control dust and to aid in compaction. A wacker packer or compaction wheel may be used to aid in compaction. 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: 3/22/2023 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: \_\_\_\_\_