

**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 31 Erosion Repairs and Down Drain Install

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

Project Location – Specific:

Mid Point: 35°07'47.2"N 119°22'06.7"W

Project Location – City: Taft

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Joaquin Field Division plans to fill and compact four erosions and add four down drains along the primary and secondary access road for pool 31. To do this work, a backhoe would be used from the road to compact and fill erosions. A dump truck would be used to haul fill material to the job site. A water truck may be used to control dust and aid in compaction. Hand tools would be used where needed. Work is estimated to take up to four days to complete. All work will take place within the DWR right of way. This work is necessary to maintain the aqueduct access 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: 04/25/24 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: \_\_\_\_\_