

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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Department of Water  
Resources, San Joaquin Field  
Division  
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313

County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

Project Title: 2024 MP 275.56 Double Overchute Cleaning

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

Project Location – Specific:

Overchute: 35°02'14.7"N 119°02'50.7"W

Inlet: 35°02'12.9"N 119°02'51.7"W

WRPP Spoil Pile Site: 35°02'17.7"N 119°00'52.1"W

WRPP: 35°01'54.3"N 119°00'27.1"W

Project Location – City: Mettler

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Joaquin Field Division plans to remove sediment and debris from overchute 275.56 of the state water project. To do this work, a skid steer, bulldozer, loader, and/or excavator will be used to remove sediment and debris from the overchute and inlet area. A water truck will be used to control dust. A dump truck will be used to transport sediment and debris approximately 2 miles away to the WRPP spoil pile site. At the spoil pile site, all sediment will be spread out and compacted. Equipment will be stored overnight at the Wheeler Ridge Pumping Plant. This work is necessary to prevent flooding and damage to critical infrastructure. Work is estimated to take three weeks to complete. All work will be completed within the DWR right of way.

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: 9/5/2024

Title: Senior Environmental  
Scientist (Specialist)

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: \_\_\_\_\_