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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Dept. of Water Resources
San Luis Field Division, 31770 Gonzaga Rd.
Gustine, CA 95322

Project Title: California Aqueduct MP 132.81L Westlands Water District Drainage Pipe Repair

Project Location City and County: Fresno County

Project Location, Specific: Work will occur on the left side (L) of the California Aqueduct (Aqueduct) in the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) right of way at milepost 132.81. The work site is east of the intersection of West Cerini and the Aqueduct.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Westlands Water District (WWD) requests encroachment permission to replace a damaged pipe. WWD will excavate an area up to 6 feet by 6 feet and 6 feet deep. The work area is east of the WWD pumping facility. After installation, the area will be backfilled and graded. The repair is necessary to maintain the operations of the facility. This project will benefit WWD, the SLFD and the adjacent landowner.

Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources, as Responsible Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westlands Water District

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));

X Categorical Exemption: 15305(b) Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations – Issuance of Minor Encroachment Permits

□ Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: WWD requests to replace a section of damaged pipe at a WWD turnout in the DWR right of way. DWR, as the Responsible Agency, will issue an encroachment permit for this work. Work will take place within an existing facility; and will not result in any changes in land use or density; Categorical Exemption 15305 (b) (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations - Issuance of minor encroachment permits) applies.

Responsible Agency Contact:

Signature: Delicia Borja Date: 4/8/2025

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