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Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Project Title: California Aqueduct Milepost (MP) 49.52R Shiraz Ranch Communication Line Excavation

Project Location City & County: Stanislaus County

Project Location – Specific: The site is located on the right side (R) of the California Aqueduct at MP 49.52, approximately 1.68 miles north of the intersection of Orestimba Avenue and the Aqueduct.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Shiraz Ranch has requested permission to encroach on the DWR right-of-way (ROW) to pothole a 10-foot wide by 10-foot long by 4-foot deep area (about 14 cubic yards of material) to locate the communication cable. Once the cable is exposed, the area will be inspected, the cable will be surveyed for mapping, and the excavation will be backfilled and compacted after work is complete. Shiraz Ranch will benefit from the work.

Exempt/Suspend Status:

- Ministerial (§21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])
- Categorical Exemption: 15305 (b)
- Statutory Exemptions:

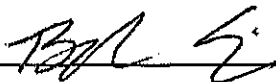
Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: DWR will issue an encroachment permit to Shiraz Ranch to locate, inspect, and survey a communication cable in the DWR ROW at Aqueduct MP 49.52R. Minor alterations of land will occur only in areas with an average slope of less than 20 percent. Categorical exemption 15305 (b) (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations — Issuance of Minor Encroachment Permits) applies.

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

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Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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