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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 Gonzago Rd.
Gustine, CA 95322

Project Title: California Aqueduct Milepost 100.48L Panoche Water District Pipeline Leak Repair

Project Location City and County: Fresno County

Project Location, Specific: The work site is located in the DWR right-of-way (ROW) on the left side (L) of the California Aqueduct at milepost (MP) 100.48, approximately 0.07 miles northwest of the intersection of Shields Avenue and the Aqueduct.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Panoche Water District requested permission to encroach on the DWR ROW to excavate a leaking pipeline at MP 100.48L. The excavated area will be about 30 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 7 feet deep; about 83 cubic yards of material will be excavated. Once the pipeline is exposed, necessary repairs will be made to stop the leak, this could include removing and replacing a section of pipe or replacing other parts. Once the work is completed the area will be backfilled and compacted. Panoche Water District will benefit from this work.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Panoche 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. State type and section number: 15305(b)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number(s):

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: DWR will issue an encroachment permit to Panoche Water District to locate and repair a pipeline in the DWR ROW at MP 100.48L. 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.

Responsible Agency Contact:

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 11/7/19

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