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From (Public Agency):
 State Water Resources Control Board
 1001 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: 2021 Emergency Drought Salinity Barrier Project
Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources
Project Location – Specific: West False River
Project Location – City: Not Applicable
Project Location – County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Department of Water Resources is proposing to install (and later remove) a rock barrier across West False River to prevent salinity intrusion into the central and south Delta. The objective of the temporary barrier is to minimize the impacts of salinity intrusion on the beneficial uses of Delta water, during persistent drought conditions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Water Resources

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)):
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, CCR § 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: California Governor Gavin Newsom's May 10, 2021 Emergency Proclamation declared a State of Emergency and suspended the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for purpose of implementing actions such as the proposed project.

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