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**APPENDIX A  
CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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Notice of Exemption

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Imperial County  
Planning & Development Services Dept.  
801 Main Street  
El Centro, CA 92243

IMPERIAL COUNTY  
BY *[Signature]* COUNTY CLERK

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County of Imperial  
940 Main Street  
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California

Project Title: Shallow water habitat project (4 ponds)

Project Location (Specific): West of Davis Road, Southeast of Salton Sea

Project Location (City): Northwest of Calipatria Project Location (County): Imperial

Description of Project:  
Pilot/Feasibility Study for a three (3) year federal habitat project on Imperial Irrigation District Land to construct 4 ponds (2' Deed), use a blend of Alamo and Salton Sea Waters, and evaluate the quality of Shorebird Habitat that is created, costs and durability of the habitat created with site restoration upon completion of the project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: U.S. DOI/Bureau of Reclamation-Boulder City/Yuma

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Michael T. Walker, Program Manager

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Sections 15262 + 15268

Reason(s) why project is exempt: Project involving only Feasibility for possible future actions and Issuance of Building Permits for pond grading, construction of pump foundation, secondary containment for Diesel Fuel.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Richard Cabanilla, Planner IV (Area Code) Telephone: (760) 482-4313

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption findings.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the Public Agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: *[Signature]* Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Imperial County Planning & Development Services Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

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