

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Appendix E

- To:** Office of Planning and Research/State Clearinghouse
P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
- County Clerk/County Recorder
County of Fresno
P.O. Box 766
Fresno, CA 93712
- County Clerk/County Recorder
County of Kings
County Government Center
1400 West Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230
- County Clerk/County Recorder
County of Kern
1115 Truxtun Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93301
- From:** Westlands Water District
P.O. Box 6056
Fresno, CA 93703

FILED
AUG 05 2019
TIME 11:03
FRESNO COUNTY CLERK
By *[Signature]*
DEPUTY

Project Title: Agreement to transfer CVP water from Westlands Water District (WWD) to Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRM) and Semitropic Water Storage District's (SWSD) groundwater banking facilities.

Project Location – Specific: Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP) Contractor service areas and existing CVP and SWP facilities. Including the following counties: Fresno, Kings and Kern.

Project Location – City: N/A **Project Location – County:** Fresno, Kings, and Kern.

Description of Project:

The project includes the execution of Water Exchange Agreements to deliver up to 29,556 acre-feet (AF) of WWD's 2019-20 allocated CVP supplies to WRM and SWSD on behalf of a common landowner that farms in WWD and within the Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) service area. The delivery will occur between July 2019 through the end of February 2020.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Westlands Water District, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District, Semitropic Water Storage District, California Department of Water Resources, Kern County Water Agency, Fresno County, Kings County and Kern County.

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));

- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Review for Exemption, § 15301
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Ongoing Project, § 15261

Reasons why project is exempt:

Westlands Water District determined that this Project is exempt under 14 CCR 15301 as it provides for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The Project is wholly administrative in scope as the project involves no construction, alteration, or expansion of an existing use.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Russ Freeman

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 241-6241

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? YES NO

Signature:  Date: 8/5/19 Title: Chief Operating Officer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108(b), 21152(b), Public Resources Code.

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