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California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Title: 2019 Temporary Water Transfer Agreement

Project Location: From the Stanislaus River at Goodwin Dam to agricultural lands within Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties via existing Stockton East Water District conveyance facilities.

Project Description:

Under the 2019 Temporary Water Transfer Agreement (Project), the Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) and South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) will provide up to 1,000 acre-feet of water to the Stockton East Water District (SEWD) for irrigation purposes during the 2019 irrigation season. The proposed water to be provided is surplus to the current needs of OID and SSJID water users as a result of OID and SSJID's ongoing conservation efforts and efficiency improvements. The water provided will be used for irrigation of existing crops located on certain agricultural lands outside the SEWD boundaries. The intended recipients of the water have existing physical connections to serve as points of delivery on the SEWD facilities.

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Project Purpose:

The Project is intended to alleviate some of the effects of groundwater pumping within a portion of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin. SEWD has an existing contract with the Bureau of Reclamation to divert water from Goodwin Dam on the Stanislaus River, however this contracted water is for use within the SEWD boundaries. Therefore in the absence of the proposed Project, the intended recipient landowners outside the SEWD boundaries would solely utilize groundwater resources. The Project will benefit the Districts and the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin by providing up to 1,000 acre-feet of surface irrigation water to use in lieu of groundwater.

Project Proponents: Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, Stockton East Water District.

Project Beneficiaries: Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, Stockton East Water District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

Exempt Status: I Categorical Exemption (14 Cal. Code of Regulations, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities).

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The Project utilizes existing public facilities for the movement of water per the agreement. There will be negligible or no expansion of existing diversion and conveyance facilities as a result of the Project.

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Dated: 5/16/2019

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