

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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 County of: Stanislaus
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From: (Public Agency): Turlock Irrigation District
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Project Title: Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project

Project Applicant: Turlock Irrigation District

Project Location - Specific:
Various parcels within and adjacent to the Turlock Irrigation District Boundary

Project Location - County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Using its existing canal system, the District plans to divert irrigation spill water to certain agricultural parcels for the purpose of testing the groundwater recharge potential of lands with differing crops and soil types. Data from this pilot project will be collected and used for the development of the Turlock Subbasin's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The District expects to complete the pilot project by March of 2020.

Name of Lead Agency: Turlock Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Turlock Irrigation 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: S. 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This pilot project will divert irrigation spill water to agricultural parcels for the purposes of evaluating and collecting data on the feasibility of groundwater recharge. Information obtained through this study will assist the District with the Turlock Subbasin's GSP.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Phil Govea Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-883-3447

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: Phil Govea Date: 9/30/19 Title: Civil Engineering Dept. Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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