

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency) Patterson Irrigation District
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Project Title: 2020 WESTLANDS WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Project Location - Specific:

Within the boundaries of the Patterson Irrigation District, and Westlands Water District and within the Delta-Mendota Canal, San Luis Canal, and San Luis Reservoir.

Project Location - City: Patterson, Three Rock, Centue Creek, Five Points, Huron and Kettleman City

Project Location - County: Stanislaus, Kings, Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Patterson Irrigation District will make up to 5,975 AF available to Westlands Water District - 1,650 AF of rescheduled 2019 Central Valley Project (CVP) water, 3,500 of Replacement Water, and 825 AF of 2020 CVP water - conveyed through the Delta Mendota Canal, and San Luis Canal to Westlands Water District in 2020. This transfer is well within the historical actions taken by PID.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Patterson Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Patterson Irrigation District and 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));

X Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Title 14. California Code of Regulations 15301
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: See below

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Here, continuation of PID's annual transfer of settlement water to other CVP districts is continuation of the status quo, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA. (CEQA Guidelines, §15061.) In addition the transfer is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 1 Exemption for existing facilities (CEQA Guidelines §15301).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Vince Lucchesi, Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209.892.6233

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? [X] Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 04/15/2020 Title: General Manager

- [X] Signed by Lead Agency
[] Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

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