

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): West Stanislaus Irrigation District
116 E St., Westley, CA 95387

County Clerk
County of: Stanislaus
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Project Title: 2021 WSID WATER RIGHTS PUMPING ASSIGNMENT

Project Applicant: West Stanislaus Irrigation District, 116 E St., Westley, CA 95387

Project Location - Specific: Within the boundaries of the Patterson Irrigation District, and West Stanislaus Irrigation District and within the Delta-Mendota Canal, and San Luis Reservoir.

Project Location - City: Patterson Project Location - County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: PID holds a pre-1914 San Joaquin River (River) Right for 200 cfs. Since capacity will be limited due to the low levels in the River, PID's water right has additional capacity available. Under this agreement, PID will allow WSID to divert the additional flow available under the water right, and make conserved water available to DPWD

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: West Stanislaus Irrigation District. 116 E Street

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: West Stanislaus Irrigation District. 116 E Street

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: Title 14. CCR 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 transferring pre-1914 conserved water to 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: Robert Pierce Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-894-3091

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: Robert Pierce Date: 5/17/2021 Title: General Manager

[X] 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.

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