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Notice of Exemption

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BY Julia Gordin

From: (Public Agency) Patterson Irrigation District

Patterson, California 95363

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County Clerk

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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, Cantua Creek, Five Points, Huron and Kettleman City

Project Location - County: Stanislaus, Kings, Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Patterson Irrigation District (PID) will make up to 1,000 AF available to Westlands Water District of pre-1914 San Joaquin River Water Rights Water stored in San Luis Reservoir. The water will be conveyed through the San Luis Canal to Westlands Water District in 2020. This transfer is well within the historical actions taken by PID

Project Applicant and Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Patterson Irrigation District - 948 Orange Ave, Patterson, CA 95363 (209) 592-6233

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

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:
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: See below

Title 14. California Code of Regulations 15301

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: 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: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 11/23/2020

Title: General Manager

[X] Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR:

[] Signed by Applicant

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