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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

MEMO TO: Stanislaus County Clerk/Recorder
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FROM: Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION UNDER CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

PROJECT TITLE: One World Water Lantern Festival Event to be held May 2019

PROJECT LOCATION: Woodward Reservoir, 26-Mile and Dodds Road, Stanislaus County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This special event scheduled to be held in May 2019 is an event that promotes life, love, remembrance, unity, and peace. The pinnacle of the 5-hour event takes place at sunset when participants are invited to release their message-bearing, light-illuminated lanterns onto the water in a festival environment with an ecological lifestyle theme.

NAME OF AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreation
 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
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EXEMPT STATUS: (check one)

Categorical Exemption: California Environmental Quality Act, 15323 – Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The normal operations of Woodward Reservoir Regional Park include individual recreational activities such as camping and water sports and also includes large scale public camping events that draw thousands of persons throughout the year. The proposed event involves neither the presence of higher attendance, nor the generation of more noise, at the facility than prior events. The proposed activity occurs in a lightly populated agricultural area on property that is set aside specifically for recreational activities of this sort.

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