

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Appendix E

- To:** Office of Planning and Research/State Clearinghouse
P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
- County Clerk/County Recorder
County of Fresno
P.O. Box 766
Fresno, CA 93712
- From:** Westlands Water District
P.O. Box 6056
Fresno, CA 93703

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JUN 27 2019
TIME 9:40am
FRESNO COUNTY CLERK
By: [Signature] DEPUTY

Project Title: Stephens Energy Group, LLC. Seismic Survey Project

Project Location – Specific: The proposed project is in an unincorporated area of Fresno County. The project is located on several parcels east of Five Points (see attachment "A").

Project Location – City: N/A **Project Location – County:** Fresno

Description of Project:

Stephens Energy Group, LLC has requested temporary access to land the District owns so that it can perform a seismic survey for oil/gas deposits. The seismic survey will be conducted by creating seismic waves on the ground surface to collect data, a geophysicist will map and predict trapped quantities for exploration activities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Westlands Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: 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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class: 6 Section: § 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Westlands Water District has determined that this project is exempt pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15306 ("Information Collection"), of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations § 15000, et seq.). In accordance with Guidelines § 15300.2 (a), Westlands determined that this project is exempt for the following reason(s):

Class 6 exempt projects may consist of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

The proposed survey does not disturb any environmental resources, and the data gathered will be used in analysis to determine whether wells should be constructed to extract the minerals. The construction of wells will be subject to a separate permitting process that will examine the potential for environmental impacts.


Lead Agency

Contact Person: Russ Freeman

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 241-6241

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:  Date: 6/26/19 Title: Deputy General Manager Resources

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108(b), 21152(b), Public Resources Code.

Attachment A
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Appendix E

Properties Subject to Seismic Testing

040-070-26ST,	E2 Sec 23 16/16
040-070-42T,	E2 Sec 14 16/16
040-110-15ST,	All Sec 35 16/16
040-110-16ST,	All Sec 34 16/16
040-110-20ST,	All Sec 36 16/16
040-110-21ST,	SE4 Sec 26 16/16
040-110-23ST,	2 Ac in NE Cor NE4 Sec 26 16/16
040-110-32ST,	NE4 Sec 26 16/16
040-110-34ST,	W2 Sec 25 16/16
040-120-19ST,	All Sec 32 16/17
040-150-06T,	S2 NE4 NE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-150-07T,	SE4 NW4 NE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-150-08T,	SW4 NW4 NE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-150-11T,	NE4 SW4 NE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-150-12T,	NW4 SE4 NE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-150-13T,	NE4 SE4 NE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-150-14ST,	SE4 SE4 NE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-150-15T,	N2 SW4 SE4 NE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-150-16T,	S2 SW4 SE4 NE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-150-18T,	SW4 SW4 NE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-150-20ST,	N2 NW4 NE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-150-22T,	NW4 NE4 NE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-150-24T,	NE4 NE4 NE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-150-28ST,	NW4 NW4 Sec 24 16/16
040-150-29ST,	N2 E2 NW4 Sec 24 16/16
040-160-03ST,	S2 NE4 SE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-160-05ST,	SW4 NW4 SW4 Sec 24 16/16
040-160-06T,	NW4 SW4 SW4 Sec 24 16/16
040-160-07ST,	NE4 SW4 SW4 Sec 24 16/16
040-160-10ST,	NE4 SW4 SE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-160-11T,	N2 SE4 SE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-160-13ST,	SE4 SW4 SE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-160-14T,	SW4 SW4 SE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-160-16ST,	S2 SW4 SW4 Sec 24 16/16
040-160-17T,	N2 NE4 SE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-160-18T,	S2 SE4 SE4 Sec 24 16/16
040-160-20ST,	SW4 SE4 SW4 & N2 SE4 SW & N2 NW4 SW4 & NE4 SW4 Sec 24 16/16
040-160-21ST,	NW4 SE4 & NW4 SW4 SE4 Sec 24 16/16
050-030-04ST,	NW4 SW4 Sec 2 17/16
050-030-05ST,	E2 SW4 & SW4 SW4 Sec 2 17/16
050-030-07ST,	N 268.27 Ac E2 Sec 2 17/16
050-030-08ST,	S 53.33 Ac E2 Sec 2 17/16
050-030-10ST,	E2 Sec 12 17/16
050-030-24ST,	NW4 Sec 12 17/16
050-030-25ST,	SW4 Sec 12 17/16
050-030-32ST,	NW4 Sec 2 17/16 & N2 NE4 Sec 3 17/16
050-040-01T,	Sec 6 17/17
050-040-12ST,	NW4, SE4, E2 & SW4 NE4, N2 & N2 SE4 SW4 Sec 8 17/17
050-040-14ST,	Sec 5 17/17

050-040-19ST,	NE diag Sec 7 17/17
050-040-21ST,	Sec 4 17/17 exc W 289' of SE4 & E 371' of SW4
050-080-01ST,	All Sec 18 17/17
050-080-03ST,	N2 Sec 16 17/17
050-290-01T,	S2 SE4 SW4 & Frac'I SW4 SW4 Sec 8 17/17
050-290-02T,	1 Ac SW4 SW4 Sec 8 17/17
050-290-03T,	0.25 Ac SW4 SW4 Sec 8 17/17
050-290-07T,	2 Ac in SW4 SW4 Sec 8 17/17
050-290-08T,	1 Ac SW4 SW4 Sec 8 17/17
050-290-11T,	2 Ac SW4 SW4 Sec 8 17/17