

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Fresno
2221 Kern Street
Fresno, CA 93721

From: (Public Agency): Westlands Water District
P.O. Box 6056
Fresno, CA 93703-6056

FILED
JAN 22 2020
TIME 12:15pm
FRESNO COUNTY CLERK
DEPUTY

Project Title: Westlands Water District Distribution District No. 1 Central Valley Project Water Repayment Contract #14-06-200-3365A-XXX-B (Mercy Springs 2-way Partial Assignment Conversion to Repayment)

Project Applicant: Westlands Water District - Distribution District No. 1

Project Location - Specific:
Within the boundaries of the Westlands Water District

Project Location - City: Not Applicable Project Location - County: Fresno and Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is the execution of Contract #14-06-200-3365A-XXX-B (Mercy Springs 2-way Partial Assignment), which would convert Westlands Water District Distribution District No. 1's (District) existing water service contract to a repayment contract that provides the terms and conditions for water service with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) for the purpose of continuing delivery of Central Valley Project water within established parameters to lands within the District's existing service area boundary. The beneficiaries of the project are the District, its landowners, and water users. The USBR is a party to the trilateral agreement and as such is a recipient of the District's approval (Pub. Resources Code, §§21065, 21167.6.5). The project is entirely administrative in scope.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Westlands Water District - Distribution District No. 1

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westlands Water District - Distribution District No. 1

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: CEQA Guidelines, §15301
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is also exempt under 14 CCR 15301 as it provides for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Project is wholly administrative in scope as the project involves no construction, alteration, or expansion of an existing use.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jose Gutierrez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 241-6215

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: January 22, 2020 Title: Chief Operating Officer

[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.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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