

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Merced and Stanislaus

From: (Public Agency): State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, 1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Temporary Water Transfer

Project Applicant: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

Project Location - Specific:

Water will be diverted from San Luis Reservoir and re-stored in Los Banos Creek Detention Reservoir.

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Merced and Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Reclamation proposes to temporarily add Los Banos Creek Detention Reservoir and three locations in Los Banos Creek as points of rediversion in order to transfer up to 500 acre-feet of Central Valley Project water to Central California Irrigation District, San Luis Water District, and Grassland Water District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15282(u), CA Water Code section 1729

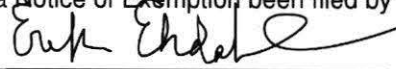
Reasons why project is exempt:

Temporary transfers of water under Water Code section 1725, et seq., are exempt from the requirements of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15282)

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Patricia Fernandez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-319-9141

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: AUG 28 2020 Title: Dep. Director, Div. of Wtr R

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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