



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2020 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 12/01/19) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: E202010000317
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 09/10/2020
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING FRESNO COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER E202010000317	

PROJECT TITLE
LATERAL 14-5.5 PIPELINE REPLACEMENT STATION 10+00 TO STATION 115+56

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (559) 884-2523
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS P.O. BOX 6056	CITY FRESNO	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93703

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity


CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,343.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,406.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,136.50	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$	<u>50.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION		\$	<u>0.00</u>

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash
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 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Yvette Jamison Deputy Clerk
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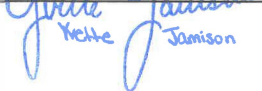
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Appendix E

- To: Office of Planning and Research/State Clearinghouse
P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212
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 93703-6056

FILED
SEP 10 2020 TIME 1:31pm
By *[Signature]* FRESNO COUNTY CLERK DEPUTY

Project Title: Lateral 14-5.5 Pipeline Replacement, Station 10+00 to Station 115+56

Project Location – Specific: The proposed project is located in an unincorporated area of western Fresno County, near the intersection of S. Napa Ave. and W. Elkhorn Ave. alignments, 7.3 miles west of Helm, California.

Project Location – City: Not Applicable **Project Location – County:** Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project includes replacement of 10,610 linear feet of reinforced plastic mortar pipe with polyvinyl chloride pipe to improve water delivery reliability, avoid pipeline failure, and maintain water delivery service to water users. All trench sheeting and shoring will be conducted in Westlands Water District's easements. The project will also include connection to five existing delivery points.

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: CEQA Guidelines, § 15301(b) & § 15302(c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: CEQA Guidelines § 15261

Reasons why project is exempt:

Westlands Water District (Westlands) determined that this project is exempt pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15301 ("Existing Facilities") and § 15302 ("Replacement or Reconstruction"), of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations § 15000, *et seq.*). In accordance with Guidelines § 15301 (b) and § 15302 (c), Westlands determined that this project is exempt for the following reason(s):

Class 1 exempt projects in section § 15301 consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alterations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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Example (b) "Existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services" of section § 15301 would pertain to this project.

Class 2 exempt projects in section § 15302 consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Example (c) "Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity" of section § 15302 would pertain to this project.

The project is statutorily exempt from compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act as provided in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15261, because it is merely a continuation of a project approved, funded, fully operated, and operated and maintained by Westlands Water District prior to November 23, 1970, and no modification or alteration in the Central Valley Project or the amount of water delivered is proposed.

Westlands' project is classified as the maintenance and replacement of the existing pipeline section, with new materials to provide safety and reliability to our customers. Once Westlands has completed the rebuild, we will retire the old pipeline so there is no expansion of use.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kelly Vandergon, P.E.
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Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 884-2523 ext.

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: 9/9/2020 Title: Chief Operating Officer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108(b), 21152(b), Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: SEP 10 2020