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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 212 Sacramento, CA 95812 FROM: Public Agency: San Luis Water District

1015 Sixth Street P.O. Box 2135

Los Banos, CA 93635

o County Clerk

County of: Merced

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Merced, CA 95340

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County of: Fresno

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Fresno, CA 93721

Project Title: Contract Between the United States and San Luis Water District Providing for Project

Water Service San Luis Unit and Delta Division and facilities Repayment

Project Applicant: San Luis Water District

Project Location: Within the boundaries of San Luis Water District

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: See Attachment A

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Luis Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Luis Water District

Exempt Status: (check one)

o Ministerial, (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)

- O Declared Emergency Project, (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- O Emergency Project, (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- X Categorical Exemption, State type and Section number: <u>CEQA Guidelines</u>, <u>Section 15301</u>
- X Statutory Exemption, State Code Number: <u>Public Resources Code, Section 21080(b)(8); CEQA</u> Guidelines, Section 15273

Reason why project is exempt: See Attachment A

Contact Person: Lon Martin Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 826 4043

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

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Attachment A Notice of Exemption

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is the execution of a Contract Between the United States and San Luis Water District Providing for Project Water Service San Luis Unit and Delta Division and Facilities Repayment, a repayment contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) for the purpose of continuing delivery of CVP water within the District's service area boundary. The beneficiaries of the project are the District, its landowners and water users. The USBR is a party to the bilateral agreement and as such is a recipient of the District's approval. (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21065, 21167.5). The project is entirely administrative in scope.

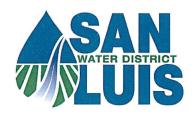
Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt under 14 CCR 15273(a)(1) because the Contract Between the United States and San Luis Water District Providing for Project Water Service San Luis Unit and Delta Division and Facilities Repayment (Repayment Contract) requires changes in rates to be charged for water provided thereunder in order to meet operating expenses and maintain existing services. It involves only adjustments to administrative terms and makes no substantial changes to preceding agreements. The Repayment Contract does not involve any increase in service or expansion of the existing distribution system.

The project is also exempt under 14 CCR 15301 as it provides for the continued operation of existing facilities within established parameters. The project is wholly administrative in scope and involves no construction, alteration, or expansion of an existing use.

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Director

Lon Martin General Manager

Chris Hurd
Tax Assessor/Collector

October 12, 2020

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Enclosed is a Notice of Exemption to be posted for the San Luis Water District. Please call if you should have any questions.

Thank you,

Mary Vaj Mary Vaz

Administrative Assistant

Enclosures

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