

Notice of Exemption

To:
County Clerk-Recorder
County of Glenn
516 West Sycamore Street
Willows, California 95988

From:
Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District
P.O. Box 98
Princeton, CA 95970

County Clerk-Recorder
County of Colusa
546 Jay St., Ste. 200
Colusa, CA 95932

Project Title: Approval of One-Year Water Transfer to Orland-Artois Water District

Project Location - Specific: Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District and Orland-Artois Water District service areas

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: Glenn and Colusa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Under the provisions of the Sacramento River Water Rights Settlement Contract (SRSC) between Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District (PCGID) and the Bureau of Reclamation, PCGID has a supply of Central Valley Project (CVP) water available in 2021, in a total quantity of 15,000 acre-feet. That exceeds the 2021 project water needs of PCGID's water users. The SRSC and section 3405(a)(1)(M) of the CVP Improvement Act (CVPIA) authorize the transfer of project water to other CVP Contractors within a county, watershed or other area of origin. The Orland-Artois Water District(OAWD) CVP Water Service Contract acknowledges the fact that OAWD is within a county, watershed or other area of origin. Under the contract, PCGID can transfer water, and a CVP contractor can use this supply to supplement its own 2021 CVP water allocation. Even with its full allocation of CVP water in 2021, OAWD water users may still have to pump groundwater to supplement the district supply. PCGID's transferred water could be used in lieu of groundwater, thereby replenishing the aquifers, and so minimize and mitigate the impacts of the past years severe drought conditions. Instead of being diverted at PCGID's pumping plant on the Sacramento River, the water would be diverted at the Red Bluff Pumping Plant, and delivered to OAWD through the Tehama-Colusa Canal. No land in PCGID will be idled nor will any additional groundwater be pumped in PCGID as a result of the transfer. OAWD water users will use the water to irrigate crops that otherwise would be irrigated with groundwater.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Princeton-Codora-Glenn ID and Orland-Artois WD

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: 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Guidelines section 15261

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt pursuant to Guidelines section 15301 because it is a continued use of existing facilities , with negligible or no expansion of use, in order to move water to OAWD that PCGID could otherwise divert and use. The project is exempt pursuant to Guidelines section 15261 because it is an ongoing project (implementation of CVPIA as described above) that explicitly allows for this transfer of water.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Lance Boyd, General Manager

Telephone/Extension:
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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: *Amie Boyd*

Date: 2-10-21

Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR:

Signed by Applicant