

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: Yolo County
625 Court Street #B01
Woodland, CA 95695

From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources
Division of Environmental Services
3500 Industrial Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691
 (Address)

Project Title: Lower Yolo Restoration Project Property Acquisition

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

This site is adjacent to the town of Green in Yolo County, California.

Project Location - City: Sac/San Joaquin Delta Project Location - County: Yolo County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR will obtain, from Westlands Water District, 3,427 acres of property on Lower Yolo Ranch to preserve the restored tidal wetland habitat providing additional habitat and food web productivity to support native fish species of concern.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Water Resources

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 Class 4, 13, 25, Guidelines
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Sections 15304, 15313, 15325

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is exempt because it consists of a land transfer that will preserve a tidal wetland restoration site for the benefit of native fish species (section 15313, 15325), and will result in minor alteration to land due to possible maintenance activities (section 15304).

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Daniel Riordan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-376-9738

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: *Dan Riordan* Date: 4/16/2021 Title: Environmental Program Manager

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: _____