

## **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**To:**        Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**     Westlands Water District  
                                  P.O. Box 6056  
                                  Fresno, CA 93703

**Project Title:**   Westlands Water District's Expanded Irrigation System Improvement Program – Public Purpose Program Funding

**Project Applicant:** Westlands Water District

**Project Location – Specific:**   District-wide, located in western Fresno and Kings County.

**Project Location – City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** Fresno, Kings

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The purpose of the Expanded Irrigation System Improvement Program (EISIP)/Public Purpose Program (P3) is to offer an incentive of up to 35% cost share towards a low-interest lease to water users who are currently enrolled in the Groundwater Management Program, Irrigation System Management Program, or Temporary Diversion Program. The EISIP/P3 funding goes towards the purchase of irrigation system equipment, design of irrigation system, and purchase of portable aluminum irrigation pipe, micro-irrigation, linear move, and center pivots.

**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: Existing Facilities, §15301; Minor Alteration to Land, §15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Expanded Irrigation System Improvement Program (EISIP)/Public Purpose Program (P3) is categorically exempt under: Section 15301 – Existing Facilities because it merely provides for continued operation of an ongoing project within established parameters; and Section 15304 Consists of minor alterations of existing public or private alterations in the condition of land, involving negligible or no expansion of existing use.


**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Russ Freeman

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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? YESNO

Signature:  Date: 1/6/2022 Title: Deputy General Manager Resources

Signed by Lead Agency     Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108(b), 21152(b), Public Resources Code.

