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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Westlands Water District
P.O. Box 6056
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Project Title: Westlands Water District Office Annexation

Project Applicant: Westlands Water District

Project Location – Specific: 286 W. Cromwell Avenue, Fresno, CA 93711; APN 303-342-07

Project Location – City: Fresno

Project Location – County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Westlands Water District purchased the office building specified in the Project Location and plans to locate its staff in this office and perform the District’s administration, financial and resource management from this location. The District does not plan to expand the square footage of the existing building nor change the land use zoning but will complete interior improvements to conduct business. The existing office was previously used by an engineering firm.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Westlands Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westlands Water District

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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 Exemptions. CEQA Guidelines §15301, §15061(b)(3), & §15319(a)
- Statutory Exemptions.

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt under 14 CCR 15301 and 15061(b)(3) as it provides for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Project is wholly administrative in scope as the project involves no alteration or expansion of an existing use. The project is also exempt under 14 CCR 15319(a) because it is an annexation of existing facilities to a special district of an area containing public or private structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning and there is no extension or expansion of existing utilities to serve the property.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jose Gutierrez

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 241-6215

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:  Date: April 21, 2022 Title: Chief Operating Officer

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.