

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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1400 West Lacey Boulevard
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- From:**
- Westlands Water District
P.O. Box 6056
Fresno, CA 93703

Project Title: Westlands Water District's 2022 Temporary Water Transfer from El Dorado Irrigation District.

Project Location – Specific: Areas of Fresno, Kings, and El Dorado Counties.

Project Location – City:

Project Location – County: Fresno, Kings & El Dorado

Description of Project:

The project is the transfer of up to 750 AF to Westlands Water District (WWD) from El Dorado Irrigation District's (EID) post-1914 water licensed by the State Water Resources Control Board made available from EID's Weber Reservoir for temporary storage in San Luis Reservoir and for direct irrigation with projected storage and delivery between July 1, 2022 and May 31, 2023.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Westlands Water District, El Dorado Irrigation District, and State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westlands Water District, and El Dorado Irrigation 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. (CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15301);
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number; § 15282 (u)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Westlands Water District has determined that this project is exempt under CEQA guideline section 15282(u) as temporary changes in the point of diversion, place of use, of purpose of use due to a transfer or exchange of water or water rights as set forth in Section 1729 of the Water Code.


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? YES NO

Signature:  Date: 6/27/22 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.