

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Appendix E

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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 North Yuba Water District.

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

Project Location – City:

Project Location – County: Plumas, Butte, Fresno, and Kings

Description of Project:

The project is the transfer of up to 15,000 AF to Westlands Water District (WWD) from North Yuba Water District (NYWD) post-1914 water licensed by the State Water Resources Control Board Permit No. 11518 from NYWD via the release of stored water from Little Grass Valley Reservoir and Sly Creek Reservoir to the Feather River during the fall of 2022, with subsequent pumping, conveyance, and storage pursuant to a Warren Act Contract with United States Bureau of Reclamation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Westlands Water District, North Yuba Water District, and State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westlands Water District, and North Yuba 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. (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

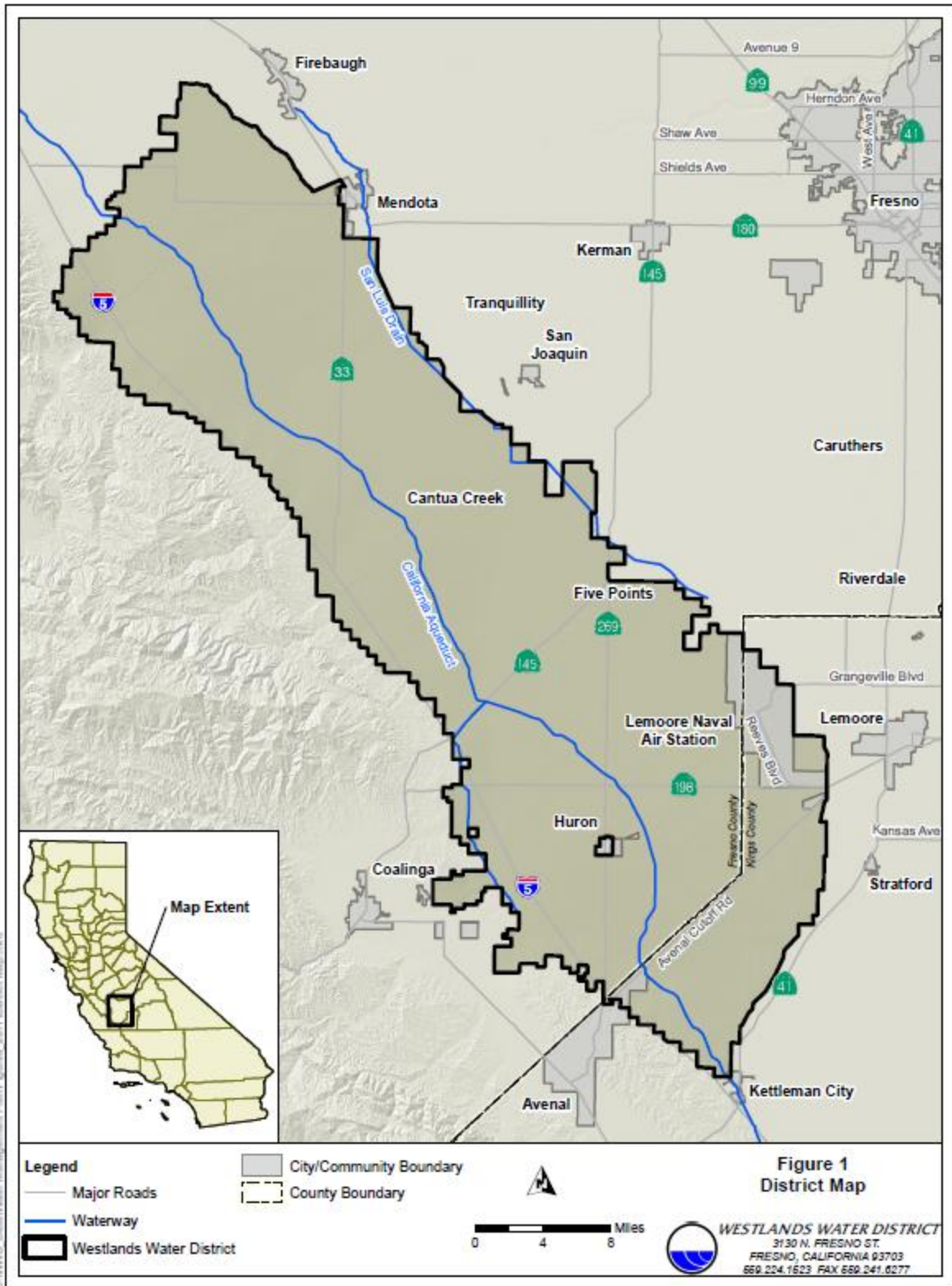
Signature:  Date: 08/17/2022 Title: Deputy General Manager Resources

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.



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 Date: 8/27/2015