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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Westlands Water District
P.O. Box 6056
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SEP 26 2022 TIME 2:56pm
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By *[Signature]* DEPUTY

Project Title: Execution of Amendment Four (4) to Contract DE-MM65-84WP59095 and Exhibit C

Project Applicant: Westlands Water District

Project Location – Specific: Fresno County

Project Location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Execution of Amendment four (4) to Contract DE-MM65-84WP59095 would transfer ownership of a transformer the District purchased at Milepost 122.59R and to replace the existing reimbursement cost language in Article 12(b). Execution of Exhibit C to Contract DE-MM65-84WP59096 provides for updates to the annual O&M estimates without amending the agreement annually. The beneficiaries of the project are Westlands Water District and the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: WWD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: WWD

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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 and §15304.
- Statutory Exemptions. (Sec. 15273)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Executing this amendment to the Contract is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it continues transformation and metering service to the District within established parameters, in the same scope and nature of the ongoing Central Valley Project and its existing facilities; it involves no increase in existing service; and no new construction, expansion, or any modification to the existing generation, transmission and distribution system; nor any change in the source of the energy to be delivered, or purposes for which it will be used. Execution of the Contract is categorically exempt from compliance with the CEQA as provided in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15300 through 15333, with reference to Sections 15301 and 15304, because it merely provides for continued operation of existing facilities. In addition, the Contract is exempt for CEQA because CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, or approval of rates, tools, fare, or other charges by public agencies, as referenced in Section 15273.

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: 9/26/2022 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.

