

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Westlands Water District
P.O. Box 6056
Fresno, CA 93703

Project Title: Westlands Water District’s Execution of the First Amendment to San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Long-Term North to South Water Transfer Program Activity Agreement

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

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

Description of Project:

The project is authorizing execution of the First Amendment to San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Long-Term North to South Water Transfer Program Activity Agreement. On January 15, 2013, Westlands Water District (District) Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 101-13 authorizing the District to enter into the Authority’s Long-Term North to South Water Transfer Program Activity Agreement (Activity Agreement), which authorizes the Authority’s preparation and defense of the Long-Term Water Transfers Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Long-Term Water Transfers EIS/EIR) and annual coordination of water transfer activities.

On August 4, 2022, the Authority Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2022-508 authorizing execution of the First Amendment to the Activity Agreement citing revisions that provide more specificity to the allocation of costs and extension of the agreement term by one year to December 31, 2024.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Westlands Water District, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westlands Water District, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

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));
- X Categorical Exemption. (CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15378(b) (5); Sec. 15061 (b)(3):
- 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 15378(b)(5), as an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and under section 15061(b)(3) as an activity covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.


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? X YES NO

Signature:  Date: 09/26/2022 Title: Deputy General Manager Resources

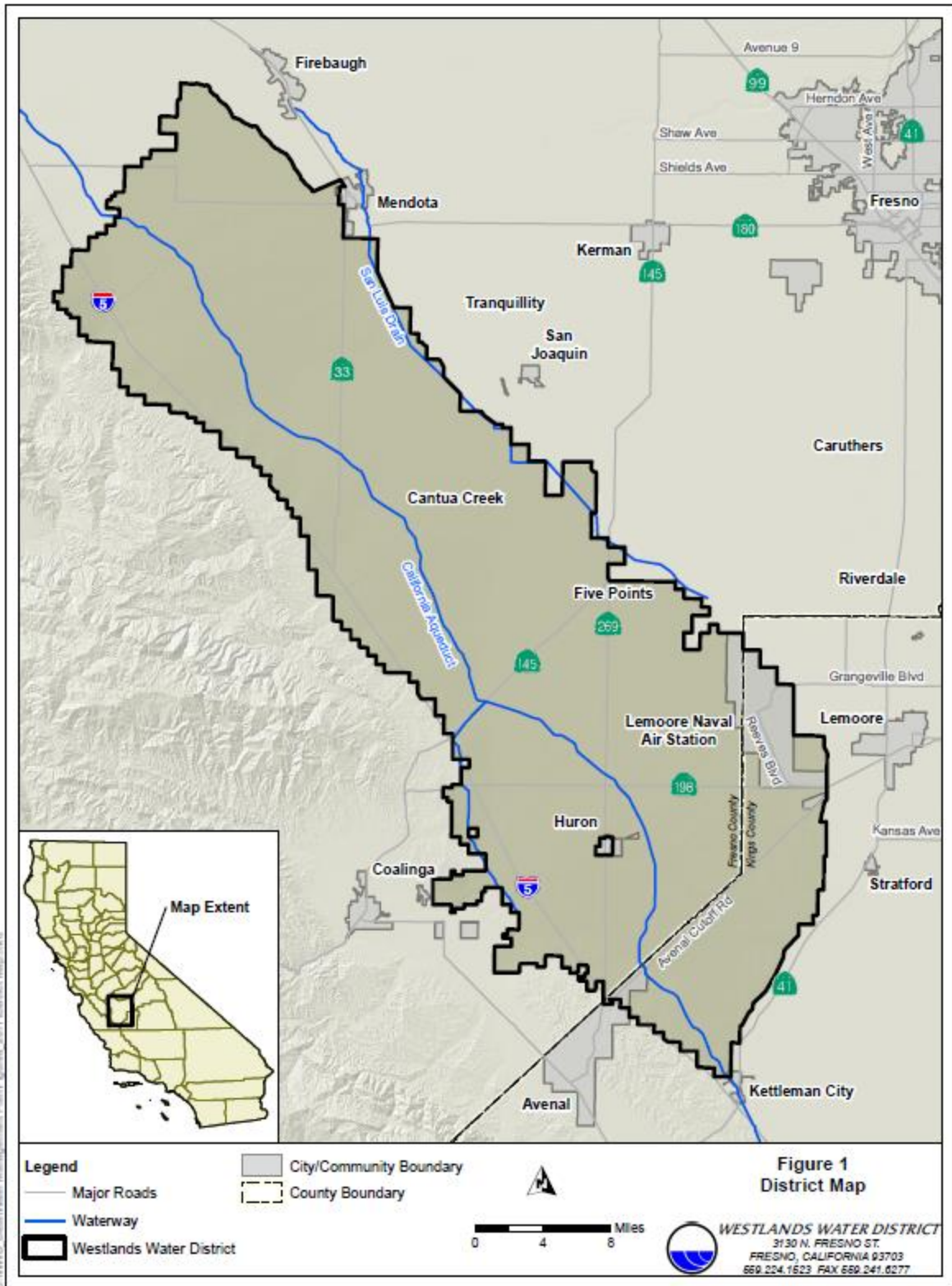
Signed by Lead Agency

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.



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 Date: 8/27/2015