



STANISLAUS COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

Mail to:

Name: Jim Alves

Address: 1010 10th Street , Suite 4500

City, State, Zip Modesto, CA 95354

50-2023-131

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July 7, 2023

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STANISLAUS COUNTY
CLERK-RECORDER

By: J. Mercado
Deputy Clerk

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Complete and attach this form to each CEQA Notice filed with the County Clerk

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

City of Modesto Sutter Water Quality Control Facility
Drying Beds Groundwater Investigation

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
☐ Other (Please fill in type):

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE STANISLAUS	
COUNTY CLERK ON <u>July 7, 2023</u>	
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DEPUTY	<u>J. Mercado</u>

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Stanislaus County
Clerk Recorder
1021 "I" Street
Modesto, CA 95354

From: City of Modesto, Utilities Department
1010 Tenth Street, Suite 4500
Modesto, CA 95354

Project Title: City of Modesto Sutter Water Quality Control Facility Drying Beds Groundwater Investigation

Project Location: The project will be located within the City of Modesto Sutter Water Quality Control Facility, which is located at 1221 Sutter Ave, in the City of Modesto, California.

Project Location - City: City of Modesto

Project Location - County: Stanislaus County

Description of Nature, Purpose,

and Beneficiaries of the Project: The City of Modesto Sutter Water Quality Control Facility Drying Beds Groundwater Investigation is intended to assess groundwater beneath the biosolids drying beds at the Sutter Plant to determine whether the biosolids drying beds may be a source of nitrogen compounds to groundwater. The groundwater investigation will use cone penetrometer testing (CPT) and Hydropunch™ groundwater sampling techniques. These techniques use small diameter sampling equipment that is hydraulically pushed into the subsurface by the weight of the CPT truck. The sampling equipment is retracted after the samples are collected and the hole is grouted per applicable Stanislaus County drilling permit requirements. The groundwater samples are then sent to a laboratory to be chemically analyzed for nitrogen, total dissolved solids (TDS) and certain metals. The scope of the groundwater investigation will consist of cone penetrometer testing (CPT)/Hydropunch™ investigations at up to 30 locations in the biosolids drying beds and two background locations within the Sutter Plant footprint.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Modesto

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Modesto

Exempt Status: (Check One)

☐ Statutory Exemption

☒ Categorical Exemption (Section 15306)

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed Sutter Plant Drying Beds Groundwater Investigation Project meets the criteria for a Class 6 Categorical Exemption (15306). Class 6 consists of "Information Collection," outlined under Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Class 6 exemptions consist of "basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded." The Class 6 Criteria that is met by this project is that the proposed project is a groundwater investigation that would consist of data collection that would not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, and the data collected from the study would be used as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The study has been evaluated against the Categorical Exemption exceptions, and does not fall under any exception based on the lack of historical, archaeological, and scenic resources within the site, and that no hazardous waste sites are located in the vicinity of the project, and no cumulative or significant effects are anticipated to occur as a result of project implementation. The project activities have been determined **not** to have a potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects. Therefore, this proposed project is

not forecast to cause any potential for significant adverse environmental impacts and qualifies with the requirements for a Statutory Exemption (15262) and a Class 6 Categorical Exemption (15306).

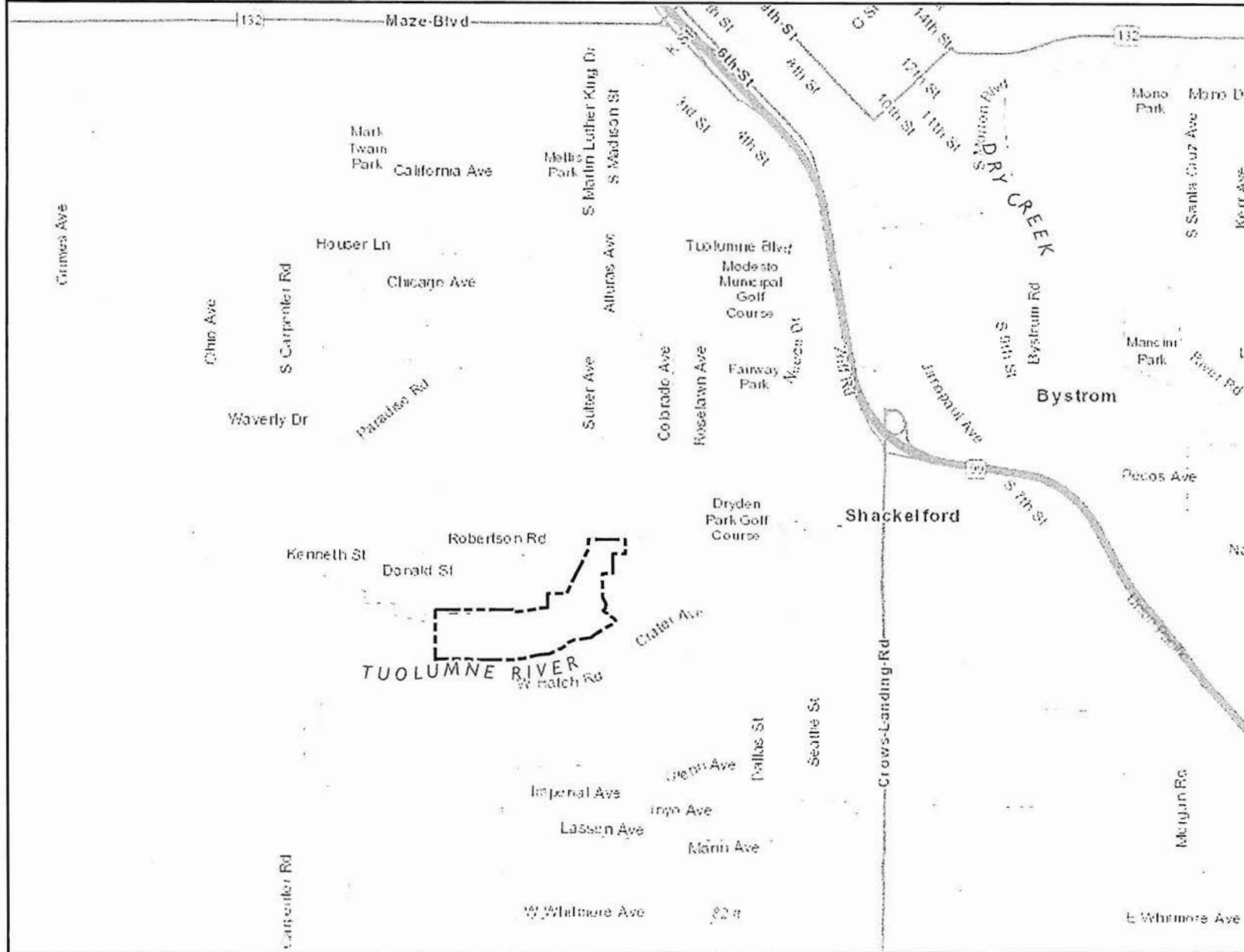
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jim Alves, P.E.

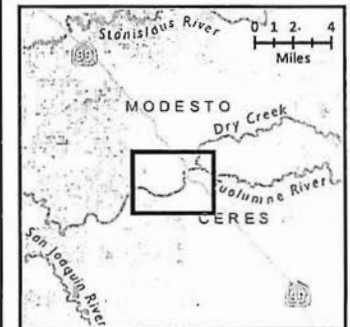
Telephone: 209-571-5557

Signature:  **Title:** Senior Civil Engineer, Water Resources Engineering

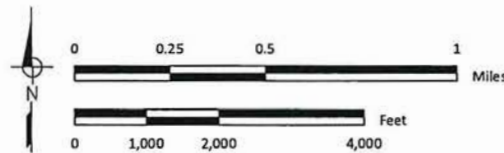
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Facility Boundary

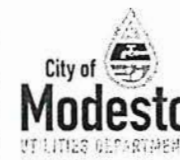


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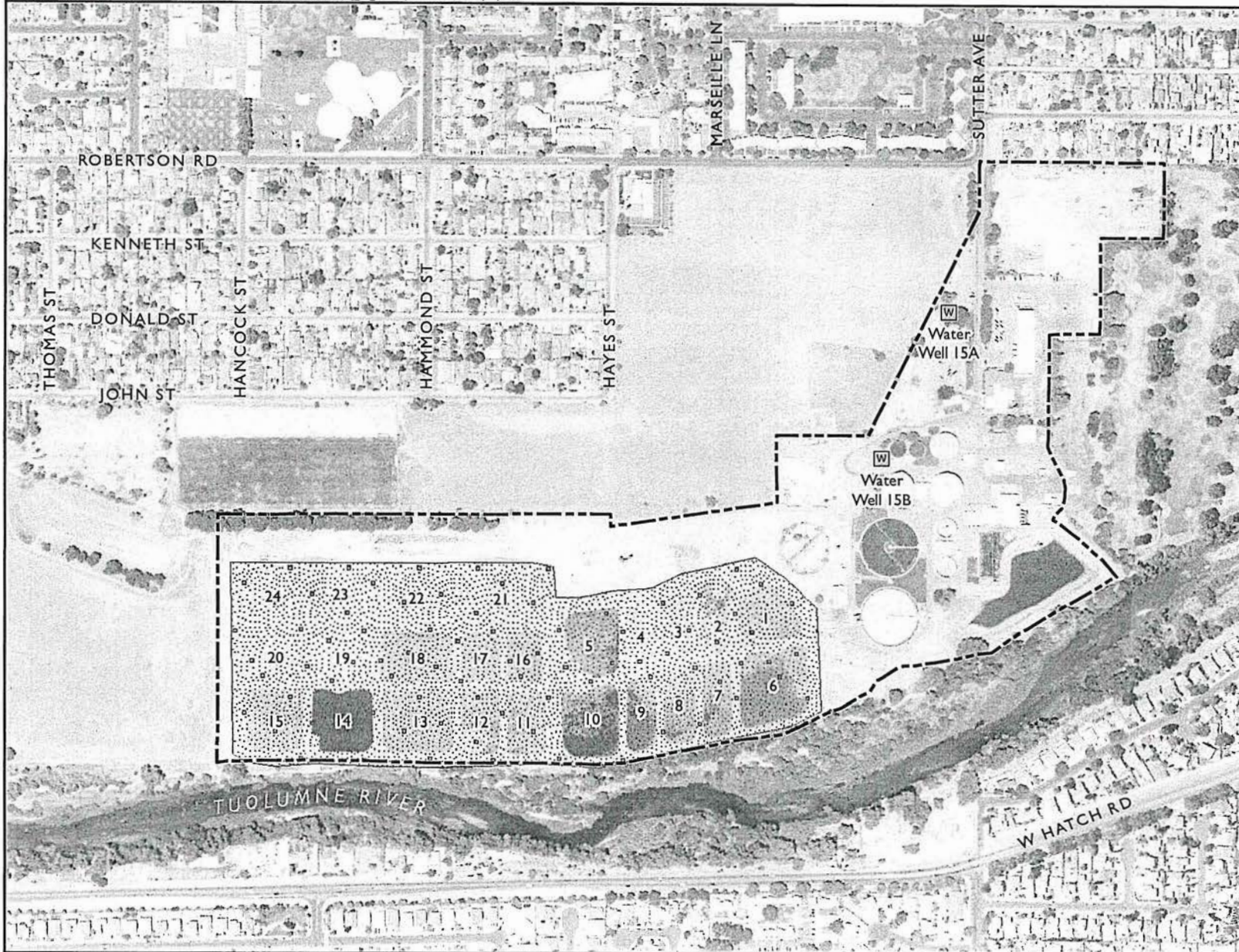
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
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Location Map

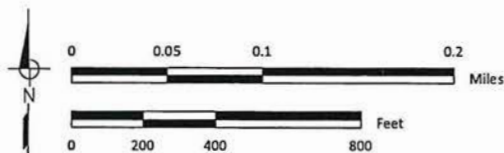
Figure 1



-  Facility Water Well
-  Sludge Drying Beds Area with Drying Bed Number
-  Facility Boundary



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Site Map
Figure 2



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

Print

StartOver

Finalize&Email

RECEIPT NUMBER:

50-07/07/2023-101

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF MODESTO	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 07/07/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING STANISLAUS COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 50-2023-131	
PROJECT TITLE		

CITY OF MODESTO SUTTER WATER QUALITY CONTROL FACILITY DRYING BEDS GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF MODESTO	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1010 TENTH STREET STE 4500	CITY MODESTO	STATE CA
	ZIP CODE 95354	

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$ 3,839.25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$ 2,764.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$ 1,305.25	\$ _____

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$ 850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$ 57.00	\$ 57.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other 3559

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 57.00

SIGNATURE

X *Jennifer Mercado*

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Jennifer Mercado Deputy Clerk



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- ☐ Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- ☐ Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- ☐ Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) *(Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))*

- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Accounting Services Branch
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, California 94244-2090

Donna Linder
Stanislaus
County Clerk-Recorder
1021 "I" Street
Modesto, CA 95354
(209) 525-5279

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Receipt No.: RPT20230000031068

Finalization No.: 2023154158

Cashier: JJM

Register: CHKQZV2

Date/Time: 07/07/2023 09:00 AM

Description	Fee	
Notice of Exemption		
Filing Time:	09:00 AM	
Filing Total:	\$0.00	
Administration Fee		
Filing Time:	09:00 AM	
Filing Fee:	\$57.00	
Filing Total:	\$57.00	
Total Amount Due:		\$57.00
Total Paid		
Check Tendered:	\$57.00	
#3559		
Amount Due:	\$0.00	

THANK YOU
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE