

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From: (Public Agency):** Anderson Cottonwood Irrigation District  
2810 Silver Street  
Anderson, CA 96007

(Address)

Project Title: The Repair and Rehabilitation of the ACID Main Canal

Project Applicant: Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: Anderson Project Location - County: Shasta and Tehama

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

On June 14, 2023, Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District (ACID) adopted Resolution No. 2023-3 that, among other things, recognized emergency conditions within ACID's service area due to high groundwater levels that are alleged to be affecting human health, safety and properties. Resolution No. 2023-3 appropriated funds to have professional engineers and consultants assist with the location and implementation of a pilot project to construct up to five shallow groundwater wells to dewater the shallow aquifer and mitigate the impacts of high groundwater levels. On July 10, 2023, ACID received an update from its engineers, including that the pilot project encountered unforeseen regulatory hurdles, corresponding cost increases, and uncertainty as to effectiveness to expeditiously mitigate high groundwater conditions on a long-term basis. Given this presentation, ACID elected to refocus engineering efforts and district resources to timely implement long-term projects in high priority areas to reduce any potential contribution to high groundwater conditions from the diversion and use of water in the ACID Main Canal, including by implementing canal lining, canal piping, and/or other canal rehabilitation actions within ACID's existing rights of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Anderson-Cottonwood 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. State type and section number: 15301(b), 15302(c), 15067 (b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15269 (b)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project would repair existing facilities and would not involve the expansion of existing or former use of the canal. Repairs are needed to maintain, repair, and restore publicly owned service facilities and maintain essential services to the public including the protection of residential property.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dustin Cooper Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-533-2885

**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: Dustin Cooper Date: 07/25/2023 Title: Legal Counsel

■ Signed by Lead Agency      Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_