Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Merced
2222 M St.
Merced, CA 95340

From: (Public Agency): Turlock Irrigation District
333 E. Canal Drive
Turlock, CA 95380

(Address)

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Project Title: Groundwater Recharge Projects in West and East Turlock Subbasins

Project Applicant: Turlock Irrigation District

Project Location - Specific:

Stanislaus & Merced Counties- multiple locations

Project Location - City: Multiple locations   Project Location - County: Stanislaus & Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Turlock Irrigation District (TID) is approving several groundwater recharge projects ("Projects") to maximize the efficient use of water during periods when high precipitation events result in pre-flood, flood and local storm flows. These Projects will utilize existing TID and private infrastructure to convey a portion of these flows onto Turlock Subbasin open lands, working lands and basins where recharge events would help mitigate groundwater conditions while also pulling potentially damaging flows off the river system. There are over 250 miles of gravity fed TID canals, 40 existing basins 1,500 miles of existing private pipelines and ditches served by over 1,400 existing turnouts.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Turlock Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Turlock 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: Class 1, Section 15301; Class 3, Section 15303; Class 4, Section 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Projects are exempt because they fall within one or more of the following exemptions: Class 1, Section 15301, Existing Facilities; Class 3, Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; and Class 4, Section 15304, Minor Alteration to Land.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Wes Miller   Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-883-8236

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: 01/11/2024   Title: AGM Water Resources

- ▪ Signed by Lead Agency   Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.   Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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