

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: Tulare
221 South Mooney Blvd., Room 105
Visalia, California 92391

From: (Public Agency): Lower Tule River Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency
357 E. Olive Avenue
Tipton, CA 93272

(Address)

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TULARE COUNTY

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Project Title: Lower Tule River Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency LandFlex Program

Project Applicant: Lower Tule River Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Project Location - Specific:

Jurisdictional Boundaries of Lower Tule River Irrigation District GSA

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

In conjunction with the California Department of Water Resources' LandFlex program, incentivize land fallowing as means of reducing groundwater extraction in the critically overdrafted Tule Subbasin.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Lower Tule River Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lower Tule River Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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: see reason below
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

(Class 7 - Maintenance, Restoration, and Enhancement of Natural Resource [14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15307]; Class 8 - Maintenance, Restoration, and Enhancement of Environment [14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15308]; Class 1 - Existing Facilities [14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15301]; "Common Sense" Exemption [14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)]). As required by SGMA, the project seeks to mitigate undesirable results in a basin which has been designated DWR as critically overdrafted.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Eric Limas Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 686-4716

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: [Signature] Date: 08/24/2023 Title: General Manager

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: