



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
**E202410000170**  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY <b>WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT</b>	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE <b>05/31/2024</b>
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING <b>FRESNO COUNTY</b>	DOCUMENT NUMBER <b>E202410000170</b>	

PROJECT TITLE  
**MODIFYING THE REGULATIONS FOR THE GROUNDWATER ALLOCATION PROGRAM & USE OF GROUNDWATER WITHIN WESTSIDE SUBBASIN**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME <b>WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT</b>	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER <b>(559) 241-6215</b>
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS <b>PO BOX 5199</b>	CITY <b>FRESNO</b>	STATE <b>CA</b>
		ZIP CODE <b>93755</b>

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)	\$4,051.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>

- 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	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$	<u>50.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION		\$	<u>0.00</u>

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE <b>Cierra Loera Deputy Clerk</b>
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County of Fresno  
Clerk's Office  
James A. Kus

Elections Department  
(559) 600-8683

Clerk Services Department  
(559) 600-2575

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Finalization        2024010358  
5/31/2024    11:30 AM  
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Description	Fee
EIR Administrative Fee	
Time Recorded:    11:30 AM	
Recording Fee:	\$50.00
Total Amount Due	\$50.00
Total Paid	
Credit Card        \$50.00	
#000190	
Amount Due	\$0.00

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THANK YOU  
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

County Clerk/County Recorder  
County of Fresno  
P.O. Box 766  
Fresno, CA 93712


**From:** Westlands Water District  
PO Box 5199  
Fresno, CA 93755

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**FILED**

**MAY 31 2024** TIME *11:25am*

FRESNO COUNTY CLERK

By  DEPUTY

**Project Title:** Modifying the Regulations for the Groundwater Allocation Program and Use of Groundwater within the Westside Subbasin (Regulations)

**Project Applicant:** Westlands Water District, Serving as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WWD)

**Project Location – Specific:** District-wide, located in western Fresno and Kings Counties. See Figure 1.

**Project Location – City:** N/A

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

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Modifying the regulations supporting implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan's Projects and Management Actions. Modifications to Sections 1.9B will change the priority of accounting for the order of groundwater use, and modifications to Section 1.21B will streamline administrative revision in the future. The modifications to the regulations are consistent with the Westside Subbasin GSP, which allows the District to modify the Groundwater Allocation Program provided that the Groundwater Allocation Program is reasonably likely to achieve its intended objectives and support the sustainability goal for the Westside Subbasin.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** WWD

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** WWD

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**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 Exemptions. CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3), §15307 & §15308
- Statutory Exemptions. Water Code §10728.6

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The regulations were originally adopted by the WWD pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) on August 17, 2021, and action was found to be statutorily and categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). The regulations were subsequently modified on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

The Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Water Code §10728.6 because the modifications to the regulations adopted on May 21, 2024 will not have any significant impact on the environment, the Project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3). WWD, as authorized by the SGMA, approved the Project for the protection of natural resources and the environment, which is categorically exempt from CEQA under §15307, §15308, and §15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Lead Agency**

Contact Person: Jose Gutierrez

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 241-6215

**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: 5/30/24 Title: Assistant General Manager

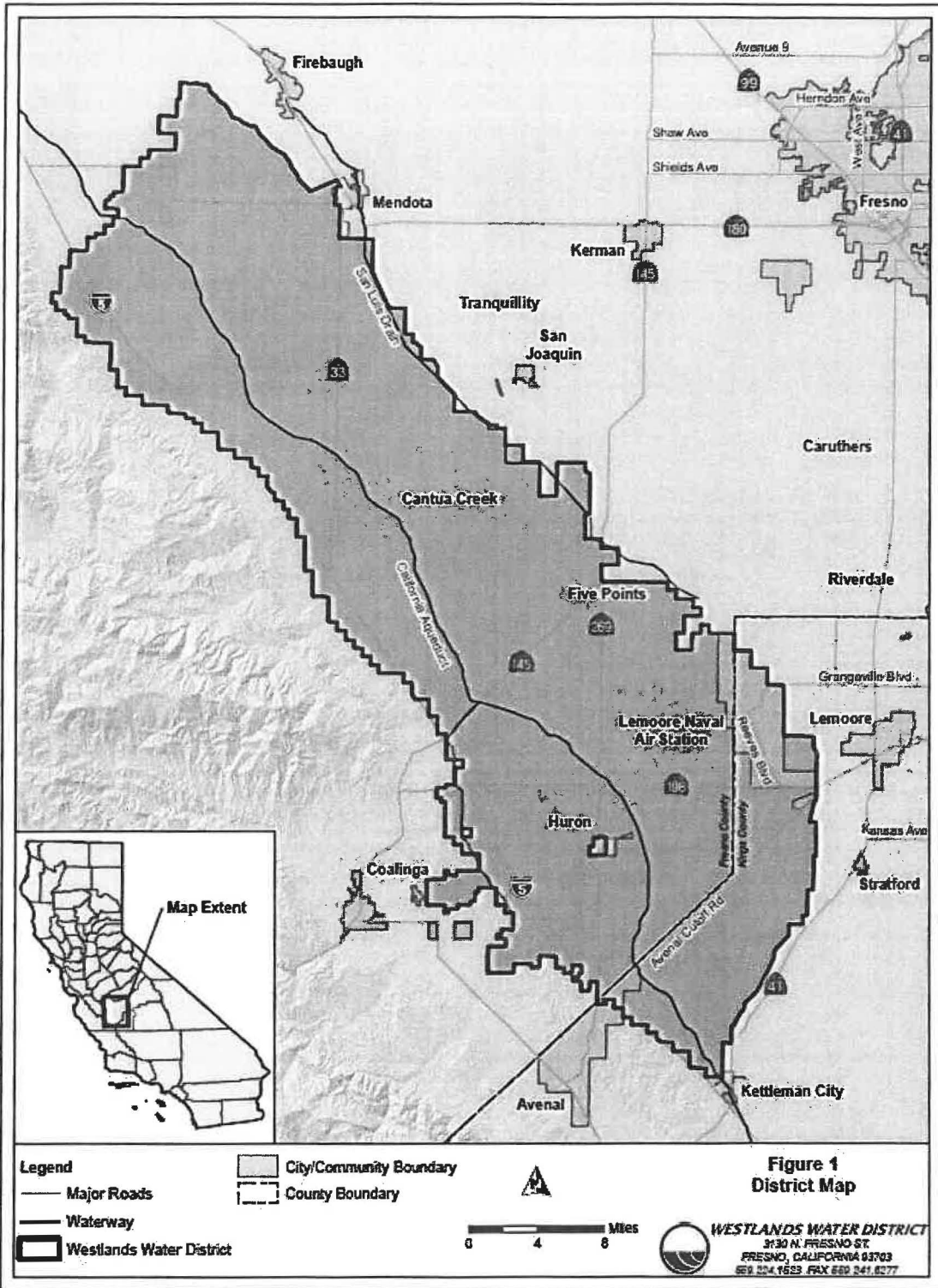
Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

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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