

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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County Clerk

County of: Kern  
1115 Truxtun Ave

Bakersfield CA 93301

From: (Public Agency): Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District  
P.O. Box 1168  
Wasco, CA 93280

(Address)

Project Title: Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District Solar Project

Project Applicant: Western Redbud CS, LLC

Project Location - Specific:

A 30 acre portion of parcels APN 072-160-18 and 072-160-35. The property is located on Kimberlina

Project Location - City: Wasco Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See Attachment A.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Shafter Wasco Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Shafter Wasco 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: §15301(c) / Class 3: §15303(d)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:


See Attachment A.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kris Lawrence Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (661) 758-5153

**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: 6-12-24 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Attachment A**

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

The Project proposes to develop a 700kW /1284kWh solar and storage facility at the existing Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District (District) water storage facility (project). The solar array and supporting infrastructure are accessory to the existing facility, and will provide a source of clean, renewable energy to help offset the District's energy usage.

Beneficiaries of the project include the District, residents, Kern County, and the State of California. The project will help lower operating costs for the District and make the facility more cost effective. It will also reduce the demand for energy that would otherwise be generated by electrical generation using coal or other fossil fuels, thus reducing criteria air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, the Project will help the State in achieving its energy storage mandate under Assembly Bill (AB) 2514, its renewable energy and greenhouse gas emissions reduction objectives under the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard, Senate Bill (SB) 350, SB 100, and the CA Global Warning Solutions Act (AB 32) by developing the solar power generation facility.