



**STANISLAUS COUNTY CLERK  
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Mail to:

Name: Oakdale Irrigation District

Address: 1205 East F Street

City, State, Zip Oakdale, CA 95361

50-2025-046

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March 13, 2025  
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**Project Title**

2025 Spring Pulse Flow Release

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- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

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**From:**

Oakdale Irrigation District  
1205 East F Street  
Oakdale, CA 95361

**Project Applicant and Lead Agency Contact Person:**

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555 Escobar Street  
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California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**Title:** 2025 Spring Pulse Flow Release

**Project Location:** From the Stanislaus River at Goodwin Dam to the Jones and Banks Pumping Plants, and ultimately to the San Luis Reservoir; located in Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Merced Counties.

**Project Description:**

Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) and South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID), collectively referred to as “Districts”, will provide up to 100,000 acre-feet of water to augment water releases made by the USBR to benefit migratory fish on the Stanislaus and San Joaquin Rivers. The water proposed to be released is surplus to the anticipated irrigation demand of each district. The releases will occur at Goodwin Dam during April and May 2025, and will be coordinated with the USBR’s releases to assist and supplement Reclamation flows in meeting their legal obligations for the April-May pulse flow under D-1641. The USBR will be responsible for determining the flow rate and schedule of the release, upon concurrence with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The released water will be diverted by the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project Contractors (SWP) at the Jones and Banks pumping stations at a 1:1 ratio.

**Current Hydrology:**

Based on studies contracted by OID, projected hydrology at a 90% exceedance rate for the Stanislaus River Basin trends toward Dry for water year 2025, indicating an Appendix-2e base flow requirement of 185,000 acre-feet for water year March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026. Reclamation’s April-May flows under Appendix-2e range from 200-1,400 cfs in the Stanislaus River while the Vernalis requirement under D-1641 is just over 3,000 cfs, leading to a significant deficit even when considering the inflow from other upstream releases.

Baseline conditions were generated by incorporating an estimated 474 TAF combined diversion for both Districts, an 86 TAF diversion volume by CVP contractors, and Fish and Wildlife Releases of 199 TAF (Critical SRP) below Goodwin Dam. A total of 100 TAF was then incorporated into the April and May supplemental release parameter of the model. Under those conditions, the Stanislaus River Basin model indicates an End of Month Storage September in New Melones of 1.527 MAF. The Districts have determined there will be no impact to the cold water pool at New Melones due to the supplemental releases.

**Project Purpose:**

The releases are for the purpose of improving flow on the Stanislaus and San Joaquin Rivers to benefit migratory fish. Additionally, the Project will provide water for municipal, industrial, and agricultural uses in areas south of the Delta. Pursuant to the State Water Resources Control Board’s (SWRCB) Decision 1641 (D-1641), the USBR is responsible for meeting the April-May flow objective flows at Vernalis. The NMFS 2019 Biological Opinion (BiOp) establishes the Spring “pulse flow” identified in the Stanislaus River Minimum Fish Flow Schedule for the purpose of protecting migratory fish in the lower San Joaquin River and Delta, particularly fall-run Chinook salmon and Central Valley steelhead. The USBR’s releases of the water provided by OID and SSJID will supplement flows in the Stanislaus and San Joaquin Rivers to improve instream flow conditions for migratory fish during April and May 2025. The released water will be diverted by the CVP and SWP contractors, similar to what had historically occurred under the WIIN Act, Section 4001. This water will help those entities offset allocation reductions they have received this year. Additionally, OID and SSJID will be paid for the water released at Goodwin Dam, which will in turn be used for capital improvements and ongoing operations and maintenance of each district.

**Project Proponents:** Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

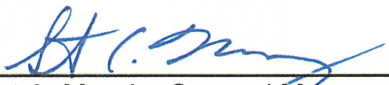
**Project Beneficiaries:** Central Valley Project and State Water Project Contractors.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

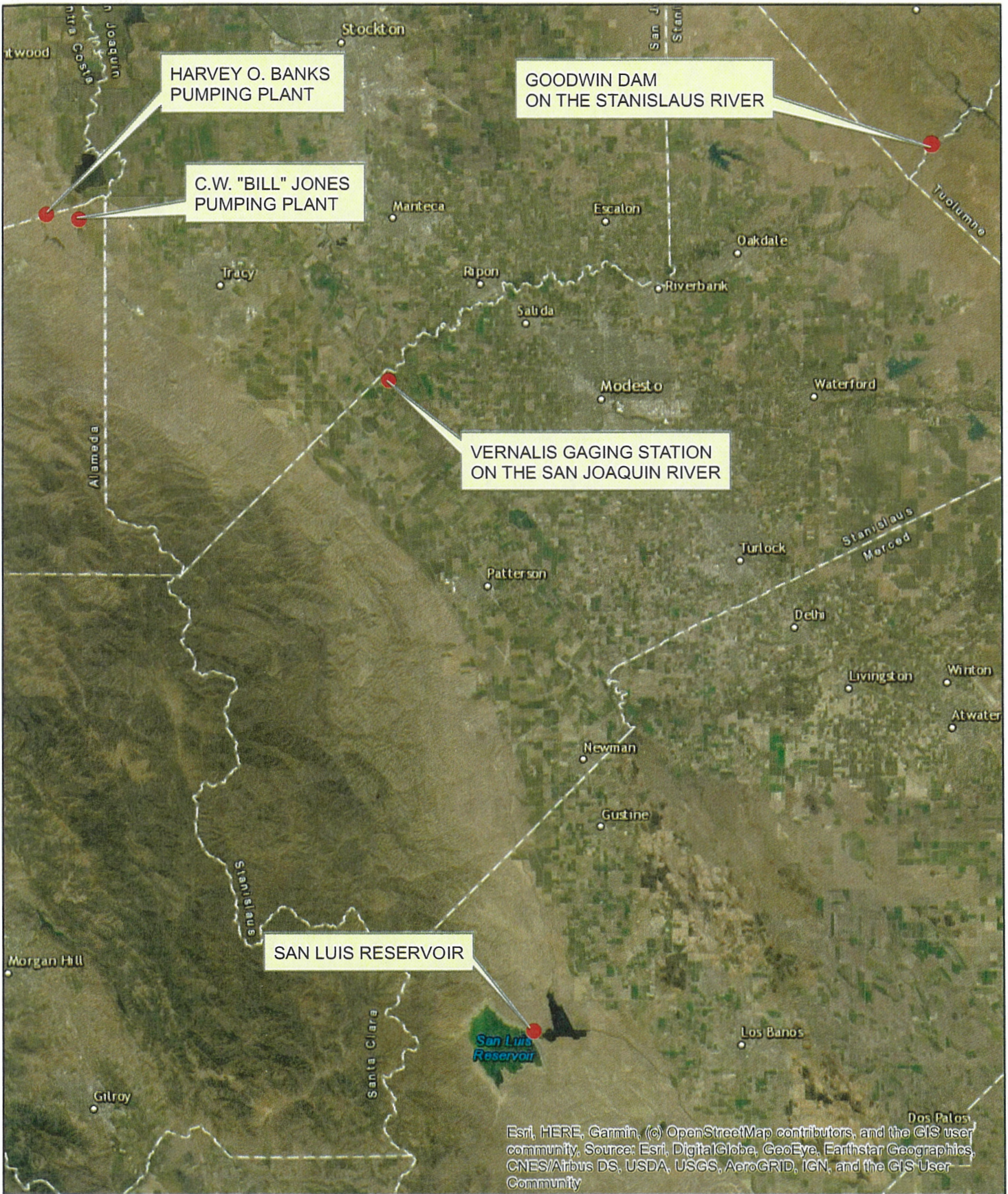
**Exempt Status:**  Categorical Exemption (14 Cal. Code of Regulations, Sec. 15301 Class 1(i) Maintenance of Stream Flow to protect fish and wildlife resources).

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The project utilizes existing public facilities for the maintenance of flows to protect fish and wildlife resources. There will be no change in operation or expansion of existing diversion and pumping facilities, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.

Dated: 3/13/25

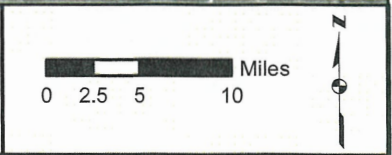
  
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Scot A. Moody, General Manager  
OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT





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 DATE: 2/26/25  
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**PROJECT SITE MAP  
 OID & SSJD  
 2025 SPRING PULSE FLOW RELEASE**







State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 50-03/13/2025-031  
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LEAD AGENCY OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 03/13/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING STANISLAUS COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 50-2025-046	

PROJECT TITLE  
 2025 SPRING PULSE FLOW RELEASE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (209) 847-0341
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1205 EAST F STREET	CITY OAKDALE	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95361

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency   
  School District   
  Other Special District   
  State Agency   
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)    \$ 4,123.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)    \$ 2,968.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW    \$ 1,401.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Exempt from fee  
      Notice of Exemption (attach)  
      CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)    \$ 850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 County documentary handling fee    \$ 57.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **57.00**  
 Other    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

Cash     Credit     Check     Other 36508   
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **57.00**

SIGNATURE <b>X</b> <i>Malita Suwansupa</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Malita Suwansupa Deputy Clerk
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