

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Stanislaus
1021 I Street, Suite 101
Modesto, CA 95354

San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority
From: (Public Agency): Authority
P.O. Box 2157
Los Banos, CA 93635
(Address)

Project Title: Real-Time Management of Irrigation Return Flows to Benefit Sustainable San Joaquin River Flow and Water Quality

Project Applicant: San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority

Project Location - Specific: Hospital Creek, Ingram Creek, Ramona Lake Drain, Marshall Road Drain, Spanish Land Grant Drain, Moran Drain, Del Puerto Creek, Westley Wasteway and confluence of San Joaquin River with Stanislaus and Tuolumne River

Project Location - City: None Project Location - County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Develop long-term surface and subsurface drainage management strategies to protect the San Joaquin River and San Joaquin River Basin. By making data more accessible to stakeholders, the Project will provide essential decision support to San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority and East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Joe McGahan

- 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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15306 - Information Collection
[] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Joe McGahan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 582-9237

- 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? [X] Yes [] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/10/19 Title: Executive Director

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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