NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research/State Clearinghouse P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

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

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 County of Kings
 County Government Center
 1400 West Lacey Boulevard
 Hanford, CA 93230

County Clerk/County Recorder
 County of Kern
 1115 Truxtun Ave
 Bakersfield, CA 93301

From:

Westlands Water District

P.O. Box 6056 Fresno, CA 93703

Agreement to transfer CVP water from Westlands Water District (WWD) to Wheeler

Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRM) and Semitropic Water Storage District's

(SWSD) groundwater banking facilities.

Project Location - Specific: Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP) Contractor

service areas and existing CVP and SWP facilities. Including the

following counties: Fresno, Kings and Kern.

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Fresno, Kings, and Kern.

Description of Project:

Project Title:

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Westlands Water District, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District, Semitropic Water Storage District, California Department of Water Resources, Kern County Water Agency, Fresno County, Kings County and Kern County.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westlands Water District.

Exempt Status: (check one)

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: Review for Exemption, § 15301

□ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Ongoing Project, § 15261

Reasons why project is exempt:

Westlands Water District determined that this Project is exempt under 14 CCR 15301 as it provides for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The Project is wholly administrative in scope as the project involves no construction, alteration, or expansion of an existing use.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Russ Freeman

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 241-6241

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:

Date: 8/5/19 Title: Chief Operating Officer

X 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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☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);		Ministerial	(Sec.	21080	(b)	(1);	15268);	
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	Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Ongoing Project, § 15261	

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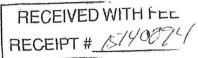
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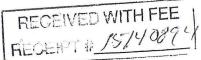
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Notice of Environmental Document 19. Posted by County Clerk on 20. and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code



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