Notice of Exemption

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To:

County Clerk County of Merced 2222 M. Street Merced, CA 95340

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Merced Irrigation District 744 W. 20th Street Merced, CA 95340

Project Title:

Projects funded under California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act benefitting Severely Disadvantaged Communities, Planada Groundwater Recharge Pilot Basin Project

Project Location:

Merced County

Project Location - City: Project Location - County:

Merced County

Project Description (Describe Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project):

This project includes a construction of 2 small recharge basins as a pilot project located east and south of the town of Planada. The first basin is outside of MID boundaries near the intersection of MID's Le Grand Canal and Miles Creek. The second basin is located within the MID boundary, south of Mariposa Creek and east of Plainsburg Road.

The pilot project basins would be approximately 1 acre each in size, as well as conveyance facilities as needed, and at least one monitoring well for each basin. The expectation is that the project will identify opportunities for local GSAs to consider further recharge projects in the vicinity.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Merced Irrigation District

Exempt Status:

General Rule Exemption. See CEQA Guidelines§ 15061(b)(3))

Categorical CEQA Guidelines 15301(class 1), 15303(class 3), 15304(Class 4)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA because it falls within the so-called "common sense" exemption pursuant to CEQA guidelines, section 15061(b)(3), which indicates that CEQA only applies to projects that have a "significant effect on the environment". The proposed actions are categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15301(class 1), covering operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures 15303(class 3), covering the construction of new small structures or facilities §15304(class 4) covering minor public or private alterations to the condition of land or water.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

John Sweigard, General Manager - 209-722-5761 or 744 West 20th Street, Merced, CA 95340

Signature

Title: John Sweigard, Bederal Manager

Merced Irrigation District

Date: 4/16/19

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Project Title:

Projects funded under California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act benefitting

Severely Disadvantaged Communities. Meadowbrook Intertie Feasibility Study

Project Location:

Merced County

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Merced County

Project Description (Describe Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project):

The Franklin Beachwood area is generally served by the Meadow Brook branch of American Waters, a private water company. The majority of the service area is located within the Merced Irrigation/Urban GSA (MIUGSA), and a small portion is located in the Merced Subbsain GSA. The project is to complete a feasibility study for emergency action in case of a disruption of the groundwater supply wells owned and operated by American Waters. At a minimum, the feasibility study will provide cost, logistic and administrative challenges required to connect to the City of Atwater and/or the City of Merced Water supply. The project will help preparing for extreme conditions, such as those witnessed in 2015 by the general Merced Groundwater Basin community of groundwater pumpers.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Merced Irrigation District

Exempt Status:

General Rule Exemption. See CEQA Guidelines§ 15061(b)(3))

Statutory §15262;

Ministerial (PRC §21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA because it falls within the so-called "common sense" exemption pursuant to CEQA guidelines, section §15061(b)(3), which indicates that CEQA only applies to projects that have a "significant effect on the environment". The proposed statutory exemption set provided for under CEQA Guidelines §15262 does not apply to feasibility or planning studies that will not have a legally binding effect on later activities, CEQA Guidelines §15268 "applies to discretionary projects proposed to be carried out or approved by public agencies,"

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