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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Appendix E

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research/State Clearinghouse
P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

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

From: ☒ Westlands Water District
P.O. Box 6056
Fresno, CA 93703-6056

FILED
NOV 15 2019 TIME 4:00pm
FRESNO COUNTY CLERK
By [Signature] DEPUTY

Project Title: Lateral 27R Pipeline Replacement, Station 55+55 to Station 145+50

Project Location – Specific: The proposed project is in an unincorporated area of western Fresno County. Near the intersection of Lassen Avenue (Hwy 269) and the Goodrich Avenue alignment approximately 6.5 miles south of Huron.

Project Location – City: Not Applicable

Project Location – County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project includes replacement of 9,043 linear feet of reinforced plastic mortar pipe with high density polyethylene pipe to improve reliability, avoid pipeline failure, and maintain water delivery service to water users. All trench sheeting and shoring will be conducted in Westlands Water District's easements. The project will also include connection to five existing delivery points.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Westlands Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westlands Water 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: CEQA Guidelines, § 15301(b) & § 15302(c)
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: CEQA Guidelines § 15261

Reasons why project is exempt:

Westlands Water District has determined that this project is exempt pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15301 ("Existing Facilities") and § 15302 ("Replacement or Reconstruction"), of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations § 15000, et seq.). In accordance with Guidelines § 15301 (b) and § 15302 (c), Westlands determined that this project is exempt for the following reason(s):

Class 1 exempt projects in section § 15301 consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alterations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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Example (b) "Existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services" of section § 15301 would pertain to this project.

Class 2 exempt projects in section § 15302 consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Example (c) "Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity" of section § 15302 would pertain to this project.

The project is statutorily exempt from compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act as provided in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15261, because it is merely a continuation of a project approved, funded, fully operated, and operated and maintained by Westlands Water District prior to November 23, 1970, and no modification or alteration in the Central Valley Project or the amount of water delivered is proposed.

Westlands' project is maintenance and replacement of the existing pipeline set, by rebuilding in order to upgrade it to provide safety and reliability to our customers. Once Westlands has completed the rebuild, we will retire the old pipeline so there is no expansion of use.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kelly Vandergon, P.E.
ext. 107

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 884-2523

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: 11/13/19 Title: Chief Operating Officer

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: **NOV 15 2019**

Reference: Sections 21108(b), 21152(b), Public Resources Code.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,354.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	\$1,077.00	\$	0.00

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$	50.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	\$		0.00

PAYMENT METHOD:☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other**TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00**

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