

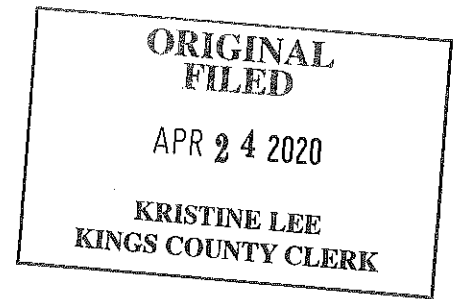
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113

Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk/County Recorder
County of Kings
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230

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



Project Title: Westlands Water District's Metering and Advanced Metering Infrastructure Network, and Ground Elevation Benchmark Network Project

Project Applicant: Westlands Water District

Project Location – Specific: District-wide, located in western Fresno and Kings County. See Figures 1 and 2.

Project Location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: Fresno, Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The objective of the project is to replace up to 275 existing privately-owned groundwater meters that may not be properly functional with District-owned magnetic meters capable of telemetry to provide accurate reading of groundwater pumped by water users and give the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) the capability in the future to remotely monitor the groundwater pumped from water users within the Subbasin to sustainably manage groundwater. The project will also include the benchmarking up to 15 monuments to enhance the Subbasin's understanding of the cause and effect of subsidence in subsidence prone areas along the San Luis Canal as part of Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development. The project will reduce data gaps in the Subbasin, enhance the GSA's ability to monitor and report sustainability indicator objectives, groundwater storage, and subsidence. The project compliments actions proposed in the GSP to reduce data gaps and is a key tool to implement projects and management actions in the Subbasin.

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: Existing Facilities, §15301; Information Collection, §15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The meter replacement and benchmark network is basic data collection and research for information gathering purposes, it is categorically exempt under Section 15306 – Information Collection. Furthermore, the meter replacements are on existing facilities, it is categorically exempt under Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.


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? YES NO

Signature:  Date: 3/25/2020 Title: Deputy General Manager Resources

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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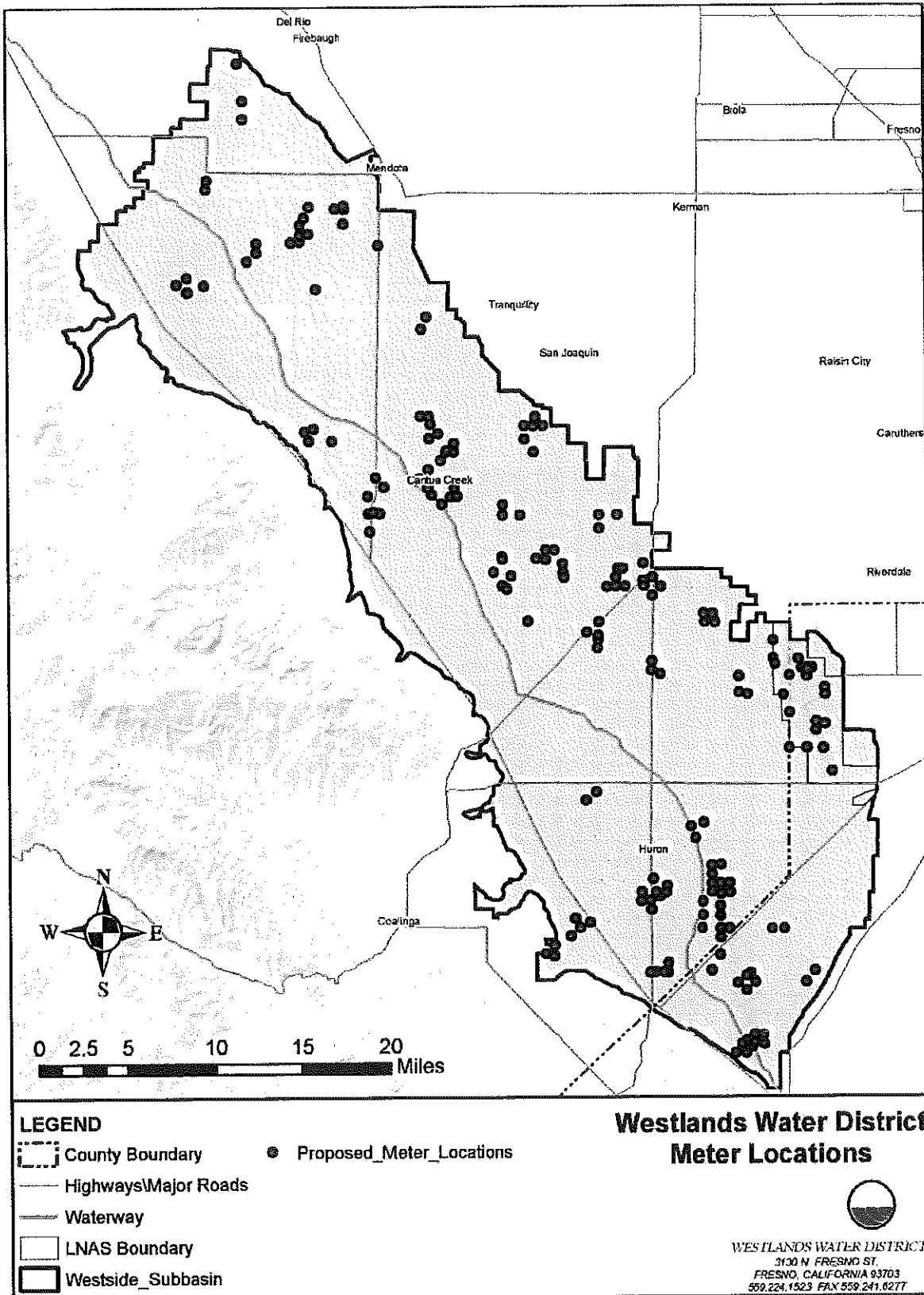


Figure 1: Westlands Water District Meter Locations

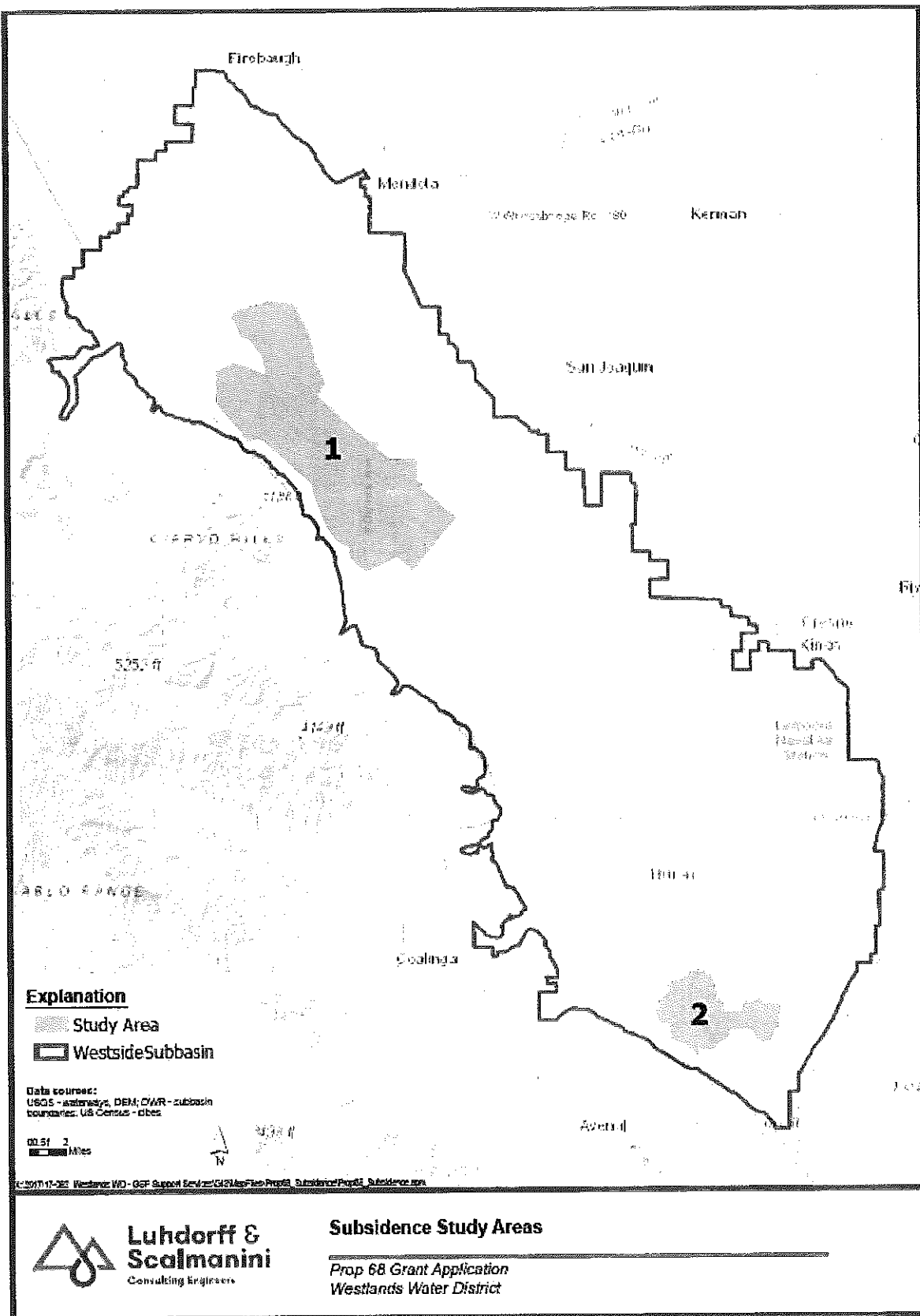


Figure 2: Subsidence Study Areas

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2020 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 12/01/19) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: E202010000133
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LEAD AGENCY WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 04/09/2020
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING FRESNO COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER E202010000133	

PROJECT TITLE
METERING & ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK & GROUND ELEV

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		ZIP CODE 93703

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,343.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,043.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$1,136.50	\$	<u>0.00</u>
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PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other 032447

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

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SECTIONS 6103 and 27383

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No fee shall be charged any of the public agencies named in this section to defray the costs of reporting services by court reporters. Such fees shall be recoverable as costs as provided in Section 6103.5. (*Amended by Stats. 2008, Ch. 218, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2009.*)

27383 No fee shall be charged by the recorder for services rendered to the State, to any municipality, county in the State or other political subdivision thereof, except for making a copy of a paper or record. (*Added by Stats. 1955, Ch. 488.*)