NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: □ Office of Planning and Research

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1400 W. Lacey Boulevard Hanford, CA 93230

From: X Westlands Water District

P.O. Box 6056 Fresno, CA 93703

Project Title: Execution of Agreement for Participating in the P&O Study for the Salinity Control Program

Project Applicant: Westlands Water District

Project Location - Specific: District-wide, located in western Fresno and Kings counties.

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is the execution of an Agreement for Permittees Selecting Participation in the Prioritization and Optimization Study for Alternative Salinity Permitting Approach with the Central Valley Salinity Coalition and the Submission of the Notice of Intent to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region. The Agency represents dischargers within its borders as a part of the Salt Control Program and is submitting the relevant documents as required.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Westlands Water District

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

Exempt Statu	s: (check one)	
	Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 152 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b) Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b) Categorical Exemption. State typ Statutory Exemptions. State code	(b)(3); 15269(a));)(4); 15269(b)(c)); e and section number:
Reasons why	project is exempt:	
		CEQA) Guidelines §15378, this item is not considered a ll not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the
Lead Agency Contact Pers	on: Russ Freeman	Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 241-6241
If filed by app	olicant:	
2. Ha Signature:	Run Freeman	y the public agency approving the project? X YES□NO ate: 4/22/21 Title: Deputy G.M. Resources
Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.		Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Section	ons 21108(b), 21152(b), Public Resources Co	de.