



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE  
 CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
**E202310000288**  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| LEAD AGENCY<br><b>WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT</b>        | LEAD AGENCY EMAIL | DATE<br><b>10/17/2023</b>               |
| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING<br><b>FRESNO COUNTY</b> |                   | DOCUMENT NUMBER<br><b>E202310000288</b> |

PROJECT TITLE  
**WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) LANDFLEX PROGRAM**

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME<br><b>WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT GSA</b> | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL | PHONE NUMBER<br><b>(559) 241-6241</b> |
| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS<br><b>P.O. BOX 5199</b>             | CITY<br><b>FRESNO</b>   | STATE<br><b>CA</b>                    |
|                                                               |                         | ZIP CODE<br><b>93755</b>              |

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)                                                  | \$3,839.25 | \$ | <u>0.00</u>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                           | \$2,764.00 | \$ | <u>0.00</u>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW         | \$1,305.25 | \$ | <u>0.00</u>  |
| <br>                                                                                                        |            |    |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee                                                                    |            |    |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)                                                       |            |    |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)                                              |            |    |              |
| <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) | \$850.00   | \$ | <u>0.00</u>  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee                                         | \$50.00    | \$ | <u>50.00</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION                                             |            | \$ | <u>0.00</u>  |

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

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| SIGNATURE<br><br><b>X</b>  | AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE<br><b>Cierra Loera Deputy Clerk</b> |
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County of Fresno  
Clerk's Office  
James A. Kus

Elections Department  
(559) 600-8683

Clerk Services Department  
(559) 600-2575

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10/17/2023 01:10 PM  
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| Description            | Fee     |
|------------------------|---------|
| EIR Administrative Fee |         |
| Time Recorded: 1:10 PM |         |
| Recording Fee:         | \$50.00 |
| Total Amount Due       | \$50.00 |
| Total Paid             |         |
| Credit Card #247332182 | \$50.00 |
| Amount Due             | \$0.00  |

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THANK YOU  
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

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

FILED  
OCT 17 2023 TIME  
1:13pm  
By \_\_\_\_\_ FRESNO COUNTY CLERK  
DEPUTY

From:  Westlands Water District  
P.O. Box 5199  
Fresno, CA 93755

**Project Title:** Westlands Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) LandFlex Program.

**Project Applicant:** Westlands Water District GSA

**Project Location – Specific:** Fresno County within the boundaries of Westlands Water District.

**Project Location – City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** Fresno

**Description of Project:**

The Westlands Water District GSA LandFlex Program (Project) includes activities associated with the Westlands Water District GSA application of LandFlex in the Westside Subbasin. The Westlands Water District GSA will administer the LandFlex program, with the guidance of the California Department of Water Resources and the technical assistance providers (TAPs), by reviewing grower applications and entering into agreement with growers. The Westlands Water District GSA will assist growers with LandFlex program requirements including following enrolled lands for a minimum period of one (1) year and will ensure transition of enrolled lands to sustainable yield allocations, with no transitional allocation to the enrolled lands in perpetuity. The Westlands Water District GSA will also perform outreach and engagement with growers in coordination with the TAPs.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Westlands Water District GSA

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

**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. (CEQA Guidelines Sec. §15301; §15304; § 15307; § 15308)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

This Project is categorically exempt from the CEQA, as provided in Title 14, Sections 15300 through 15333, with reference to Sections 15301, 15304(e), 15307, and 15308 because the Project uses existing

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facilities, provides immediate relief to drinking water wells in drought-stricken communities and limits unsustainable groundwater pumping in a critically over drafted basin. This will result in increased groundwater supplies in the Westside Subbasin.

**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: Russ Freeman Date: 10/16/2023 Title: Deputy General Manager Resources

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.