Print Form

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Fresno
2220 Tulare St.
Fresno, CA 93721

From: (Public Agency): Panoche Drainage District
52027 W Althea Ave, Firebaugh CA 93622

(Address)

Project Title: North Lands Annexation to Panoche Drainage District

Project Applicant: Panoche Drainage District

Project Location - Specific:
29 parcels, encompassing 3,225 acres in western Fresno And Merced Counties, approximately 10 miles south of Los Banos. T12S/R12E Sec 5 & 6; T11S/R12E Sec 31: T11S/R12E Sec 3 & 4: T11S/R11E Sec 32, 33, 34, 35, 36.

Project Location - City: NA Project Location - County: Merced County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Panoche Drainage District plans to annex lands to the north of its existing boundary for the purpose of incorporating those lands into the existing drainage system. The subject lands current drain into the District's drainage system but are not part of the Drainage District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Panoche Drainage District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Panoche Drainage 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: 15319(a) Annexation to a Special District.
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Panoche Drainage District will annex 29 parcels in Fresno and Merced Counties. These parcels are zoned for agricultural use, consistent with the services of the Drainage District, and currently drain agricultural return flows into the Panoche Drainage District system although they are not currently within the District.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Patrick McGowan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209)364-6136

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: Patrick McGowan Date: 5/22/24 Title: General Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____