

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Tulare

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From: (Public Agency): West Stanislaus Irrigation District
P.O. Box 37

Westley, California 95387

(Address)

Project Title: 2025 WSID, LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AND PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT WATER TRANSFER

Project Applicant: West Stanislaus Irrigation District

Project Location - Specific:

Within the boundaries of West Stanislaus Irrigation District, Lower Tule River Irrigation District, Pixley Irrigation District, and within the Delta-Mendota Canal, San Luis Reservoir, and the California Aqueduct.

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Stanislaus, Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

WSID will make up to 3,200 AF of Central Valley Project water available to Lower Tule River Irrigation District and up to 8,600 AF of CVP water available to Pixley Irrigation District conveyed through the Delta-Mendota Canal and San Luis Reservoir in 2025. This transfer is well within the historical actions taken by West Stanislaus with respect to water transfers.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: West Stanislaus Irrigation District, Lower Tule River Irrigation District, Pixley Irrigation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: West Stanislaus Irrigation District, Lower Tule River Irrigation District, Pixley Irrigation 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: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: See below.

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential to cause a significant impact on the environment. Here, continuation of WSID's annual transfer of CVP water to other districts is a continuation of the status quo, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA (CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3)).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Robert Pierce, WSID Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-894-3091

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: [Signature] Date: 06/17/2025 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: _____