

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: San Joaquin
44 N San Joaquin Street #260
Stockton, CA 95202

From: (Public Agency): Stockton East Water District
6767 E Main St.; PO Box 5157
Stockton, CA 95205
(Address)

Project Title: Acquisition of Cox Road Property

Project Applicant: Stockton East Water District

Project Location - Specific:
96.85+/- acres in San Joaquin County, California, APNs 091-240-025, 012 and 035

Project Location - City: Project Location - County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Proposed Action is the acquisition of 96.85 acres of vacant real property described above.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Stockton East Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Stockton East 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:
[X] Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080(a); X Common sense exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:
The Proposed Action is the acquisition of 96.85 acres of vacant property located at 6737, 6840, and 6595 N. Cox Road, Linden, CA. This action does not constitute a decision by the district regarding further development of the property. This action serves an essential role of securing land while the district determines its proposed uses for the property and a CEQA determination for the development of the site is performed. The district will make no decision to undertake further development until it has complied with CEQA and an overall site development plan has been approved and the district board retains full discretion with respect to the Property including imposition of mitigation measures and alternative uses for the property, including sale. The Proposed Action is exempt from the CEQA as it: (1) involves a land acquisition that is contingent on future CEQA compliance per §15004; (2) does not constitute a "project" "approval" under CEQA; and (3) it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment per §15061.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Justin Hopkins Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209.948.0333

- 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: 7-1-25 Title: General Manager
Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.