State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
E202510000174
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(if applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT		**07/10/2025**

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
FRESNO COUNTY	**E202510000174**

PROJECT TITLE

MODIFYING THE REGULATIONS FOR GROUNDWATER ALLOCATION PROGRAM & USE OF GROUNDWATER WITHIN WESTSIDE SUBBASIN

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT			**(559) 241-6240**
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PO BOX 5199	**FRESNO**	**CA**	**93755**

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☒ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,123.50	$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,968.75	$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,401.75	$	0.00

☐ Exempt from fee

- ☐ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$	0.00
☒ County documentary handling fee	$50.00	$	50.00
☒ Other **CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION**		$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ **50.00**

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	**Cierra Loera Deputy Clerk**

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT COPY - CDFW/ASB COPY - LEAD AGENCY COPY - COUNTY CLERK DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012025)

County of Fresno
Clerk's Office
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Finalization 2025013508
7/10/2025 10:46 AM
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Description	Fee
EIR Administrative Fee	
Time Recorded: 10:46 AM	
Recording Fee:	$50.00
Total Amount Due	$50.00
Total Paid	
Credit Card #319119774	$50.00
Amount Due	$0.00

THANK YOU
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

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By FRESNO COUNTY CLERK DEPUTY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

☐ County Clerk/County Recorder
County of Fresno
P.O. Box 766
Fresno, CA 93712

From: ☐ Westlands Water District
PO Box 5199
Fresno, CA 93755

Project Title: Modifying the Regulations for the Groundwater Allocation Program and Use of Groundwater within the Westside Subbasin (Regulations)

Project Applicant: Westlands Water District, Serving as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WWD)

Project Location – Specific: District-wide, located in western Fresno and Kings Counties. See Figure 1.

Project Location – City: N/A **Project Location – County:** Fresno, Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Modifying the regulations supporting implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan's Projects and Management Actions. Modifications to Section 1.12 will change to apply the Leave Behind Percentage based on the remaining Sustainable Yield in the aggregate after unpumped groundwater has been stored for more than five consecutive years. The modifications to the regulations are consistent with the Westside Subbasin GSP, which allows the District to modify the Groundwater Allocation Program provided that the Groundwater Allocation Program is reasonably likely to achieve its intended objectives and support the sustainability goal for the Westside Subbasin.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: WWD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: WWD

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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));
- **X** Categorical Exemptions. CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3), §15307, §15308, and §15378
- **X** Statutory Exemptions. Water Code §10728.6

Reasons why project is exempt:

The regulations were originally adopted by the WWD GSA pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) on August 17, 2021, and action was found to be statutorily and categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). The regulations were subsequently modified on May 23rd, 2022, September 20th, 2022, December 20th, 2022, September 18th, 2023, May 21st, 2024, and June 17th,2025.

The Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Water Code §10728.6 because the modifications to the regulations adopted on June 17, 2025, will not have any significant impact on the environment. The Project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3). WWD, as authorized by the SGMA, approved the Project for the protection of natural resources and the environment, which is categorically exempt from CEQA under §15307, §15308, and §15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Stephen Farmer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 241-6240

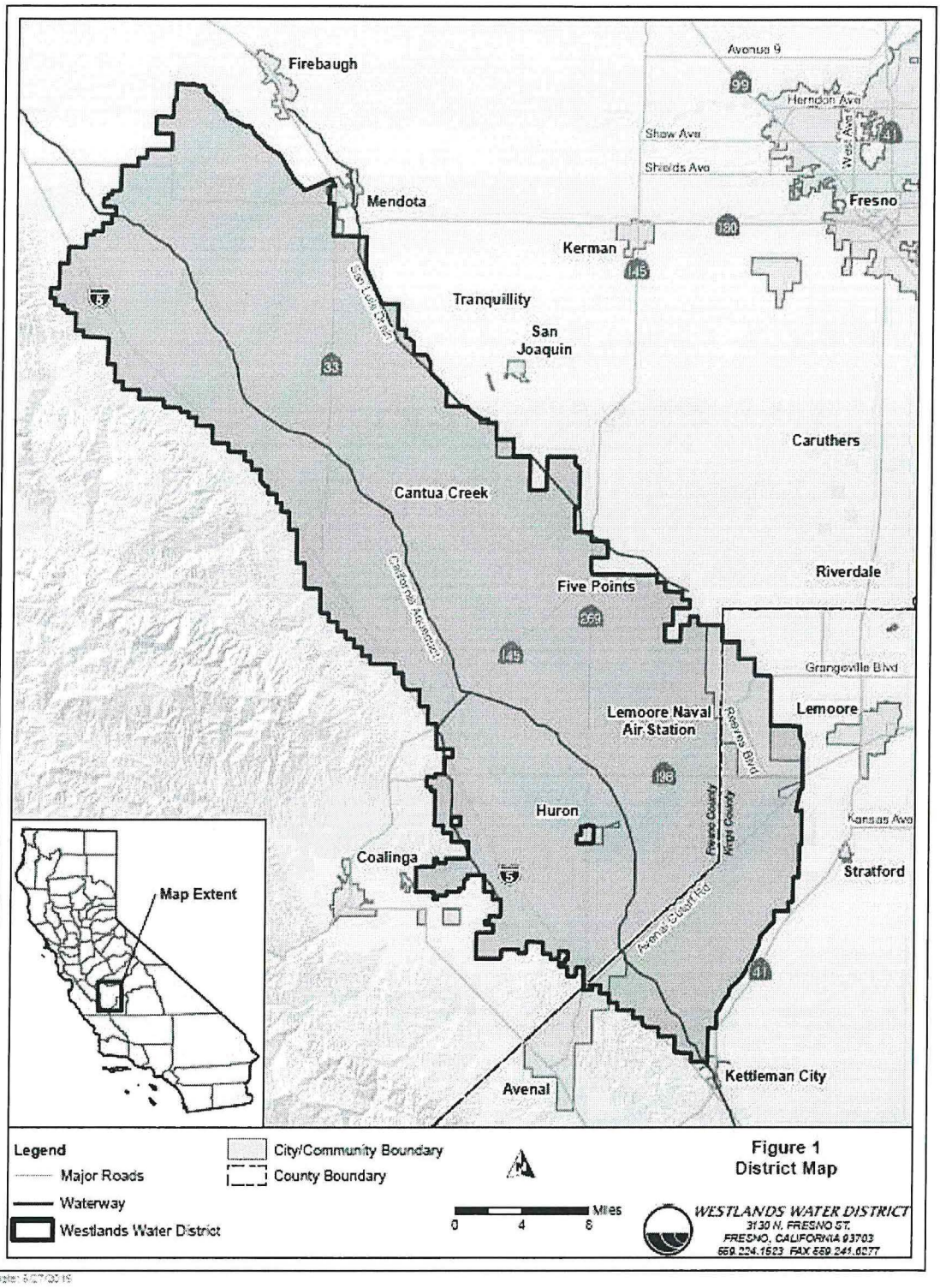
If filed by applicant:

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: _____ Date: 07.01.25 Title: Chief Administrative Officer

X 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.

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