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WOODBIDGE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
18750 NORTH LOWER SACRAMENTO RD
WOODBIDGE, CA 95258

DOCUMENT TITLE

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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<p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>	<p>FROM: Name: Woodbridge Irrigation District</p> <p>(Public Agency) Contact: Keith Bussman General Manager</p> <p>Address: Mailing Address: P.O. Box 580 Woodbridge, CA 95258</p> <p>Office Address: 18750 North Lower Sacramento Road, Woodbridge, CA 95258</p> <p>Telephone: 209-625-8438</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk (San Joaquin County)</p> <p>Address: 44 North San Joaquin Street Second Floor Suite 260 Stockton, CA 95202</p> <p>Phone: (209) 468-3939</p>	

<p>1. Project Title:</p>	<p>Water Purchase Agreement with North San Joaquin Water Conservation District</p>
<p>2. Project Applicant:</p>	<p>Woodbridge Irrigation District</p> <p>Contact: Keith Bussman General Manager</p> <p>Mailing Address: P.O. Box 580 Woodbridge, CA 95258</p> <p>Office Address: 18750 North Lower Sacramento Road Woodbridge, CA 95258</p>

	<p>Phone: 209-625-8438 Email: bussmanwid@gmail.com</p>
<p>3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):</p>	<p>See Exhibit 1 attached for the project location, which shows the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (“NSJWCD”) and Woodbridge Irrigation District (“WID”) boundaries, the existing WID diversion point, and the NSJWCD diversion points (North, South, Cal Fed, and Tracy Lake).</p>
<p>4. (a) Project Location – City: In vicinity of City of Lodi</p>	<p>(b) Project Location – County: San Joaquin County</p>
<p>5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:</p>	<p>On July 10, 2025, the Board of Directors for WID approved a Water Purchase Agreement (“Agreement”) with NSJWCD. WID and NSJWCD are both Groundwater Sustainability Agencies with adjacent service areas and shared landowners and growers, and an interest in achieving groundwater sustainability.</p> <p>NSJWCD is unlikely to receive an allocation of water under its water right for 2025, whereas WID expects to receive its full 60,000 acre-feet allocation for 2025 and have some water available to transfer as a result of fallowing and other interim conservation measures in WID. NSJWCD will purchase up to 3,000 af of WID water for use in NSJWCD during 2025. The water will be diverted by NSJWCD from existing diversion facilities and used for irrigation or recharge activities in NSJWCD on existing irrigated lands or in existing recharge facilities.</p> <p>Operations and diversion and use of WID water pursuant to this temporary Agreement will be consistent with NSJWCD’s historic, ongoing, and periodic diversions using its existing infrastructure (“Baseline Conditions”). Total diversions of WID water from the Mokelumne River will also be consistent with Baseline Conditions.</p>
<p>6. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other</p>	<p>Woodbridge Irrigation District Contact: Keith Bussman, General Manager Mailing Address: P.O. Box 580 Woodbridge, CA 95258</p>

entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Office Address: 18750 North Lower Sacramento Road Woodbridge, CA 95258 Phone: 209-625-8438 Email: bussmanwid@gmail.com Click to enter address
7. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	
(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15378
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	
(d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Class 1, 14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15301 (existing facilities)
(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	
(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	14 Cal. Code Regs., 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption)
8. Reason why project was exempt:	<p>The Project is exempt from environmental review under CEQA, Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq., and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15000 et seq. (“State CEQA Guidelines”).</p> <p>The Agreement is not a “project” under State CEQA Guidelines section 15378, subdivision (a) because the diversion and delivery of up to 3,000 acre feet of WID water by NSJWCD will not result in any physical change in the environment. WID water will be made available to NSJWCD only to the extent it is not needed by existing WID water users, so the sale will not result in physical changes within WID. NSJWCD will use its existing diversion facilities and deliver the water to existing irrigated lands or recharge facilities, so the sale will not result in physical changes within NSJWCD. Any changes in diversions or deliveries related to the Agreement will be within the parties’ historical operating parameters.</p> <p>The Agreement is within the categorical exemption in State CEQA Guidelines section 15301. It will involve the use of existing water diversion and delivery infrastructure with</p>

	<p>negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.</p> <p>The Agreement also meets the commonsense exemption in State CEQA Guidelines section 15061, subdivision (b)(3). It can be seen with certainty there is no possibility of a significant effect because the diversion of WID water by NSJWCD will not result in any physical changes in the environment.</p> <p>None of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply. There is no reasonable possibility the Agreement would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, and the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is not significant.</p>
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<p>9. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:</p>	<p>Keith Bussman General Manager 209-625-8438</p>
<p>10. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing. <i>Not applicable</i></p>	
<p>11. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Not applicable</i></p>	
<p>12. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Exemption approved at WID Board meeting July 10, 2025.</p>	

Keith Bussman
Signature

Date: July 15, 2025

Keith Bussman
Name

Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

(Clerk Stamp Here)

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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