25-211

Notice of Exemption

Government Code Section 6103

TO: ☐ Office of Planning and Research

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1400 Tenth St.
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☒ County Clerk
County of Kings
Kings County Government Center
Hanford, California 93230

FROM: Kings County Community Development Agency
Kings County Government Center
Hanford, CA 93230

Date Received For Filing

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KINGS COUNTY CLERK

PROJECT TITLE:
California Land Conservation "Williamson" Act Program Modification Pursuant to Government Code Section 51244(b)

PROJECT APPLICANT:
Kings County Community Development Agency
1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Building #6, Hanford, CA 93230 (559) 852-2670

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific:
Various parcels under California Land Conservation "Williamson" Act contract or Farmland Security Zone contract

PROJECT LOCATION - City
Unincorporated area

PROJECT LOCATION - County:
Kings

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:
In July 2011, the California Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 1265 which amended Section 51244 of the California Government Code. The change authorized counties to reduce the terms of "Williamson" Act and Farmland Security Zone contracts to 9 and 18 years respectively, resulting in a 10% reduction in the landowners' property tax relief. The legislation was to expire on January 1, 2016; however, in September 2014, the State Legislature amended Section 51244 to eliminate the expiration date and allow a jurisdiction to implement the contract reductions in any year that subvention funds are not received.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:
Kings County Board of Supervisors, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Building #1, Hanford, CA 93230

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:
Kings County Community Development Agency

EXEMPT STATUS: (*check one*)

- ☐ Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15317, Class 17
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
Section 15317 of the *California Environmental Quality Act & CEQA Guidelines* states that Class 17 includes the establishment of agricultural preserves and the making and renewing of open space contracts under the Williamson Act. In addition, none of the special circumstances in *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15300.2 apply.

CONTACT PERSON:
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(559) 852-2682

Signature: Sheila Hernandez
Title: Planner
Date:

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: 25-211

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - KINGS COUNTY		11/06/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
KINGS	

PROJECT TITLE

CALIFORNIA LAND CONSERVATION "WILLIAMSON" ACT PROGRAM MODIFICATION PURSUANT TO

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
KINGS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		((559) 852-2670

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
1400 W LACEY BLVD	HANFORD	CA	93230

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	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,968.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,401.75	$

☒ 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	$
☐ County documentary handling fee		$
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ $0.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	Jeanette Robles, Deputy County Clerk/Recorder

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