

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Tulare

221 S Mooney Blvd.

Visalia, CA 93291

Lead Agency + Applicant
From: (Public Agency):
Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District
2975 N. Farmersville Blvd., Farmersville, CA 93223

(Address)

559-747-5601
TULARE COUNTY

Project Title: Kaweah Oaks Preserve Flood-Recharge Basin

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Project Applicant: Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District

ASSESSOR / CLERK-RECORDER
BY:

Project Location - Specific:

36.3334049°, -119.172086° From Visalia, Ca, take CA-198 E toward Exeter for about 6 miles, then exit at Road 182 (Mehrtens Drive) and turn left (north). Drive ½ mile, and the Project will be on the left.

Project Location - City: Visalia

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves the installation of a permanent lift pump and utility to support groundwater recharge, floodwater management, and minimal terrain modifications within the existing recharge system with negligible environmental impact, benefiting a Small Disadvantaged Community (DAC).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kaweah Delta Water Conservation 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: Class 1 (15301) & Class 3 (15303)
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Pub Res C §21080.47

Reasons why project is exempt:

It qualifies under Pub Res C §21080.47: Water infrastructure for a Small Disadvantaged Community (DAC), Class 1 (15301): Minor alterations to existing facilities, and Class 3 (15303): Installation of small facilities. Since no exceptions under 15300.2 apply, the project is categorically exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency Shane Smith

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-747-5601

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: 12/10/25 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: _____