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Receipt No.: RPT20260000023510

Finalization No.: 2026347452

Cashier: MTS

Register: CR-H127284-W2

Date/Time: 04/21/2026 11:35 AM

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)	
Filing Time:	11:35 AM
Filing Fee:	\$3,043.75
Filing Total:	\$3,043.75
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Administration Fee	
Filing Time:	11:35 AM
Filing Fee:	\$57.00
Filing Total:	\$57.00
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Total Amount Due:	\$3,100.75
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Total Paid	
Check Tendered:	\$3,100.75
#211983	
Amount Due:	\$0.00

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 50-04/21/2026-058  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY KNIGHTS FERRY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 04/21/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING STANISLAUS COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 50-2026-067	

PROJECT TITLE  
 SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME KNIGHTS FERRY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (209) 630-0879
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 17631 SONORA ROAD	CITY KNIGHTS FERRY	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95361

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

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

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)    \$ 4,227.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)    \$ 3,043.75 \$ 3,043.75  
 Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW    \$ 1,437.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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    \$ 57.00 \$ 57.00  
 Other    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

Cash     Credit     Check     Other 211983   
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 3,100.75

SIGNATURE <b>X</b> <i>Malita Suwansupa</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Malita Suwansupa Deputy Clerk
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**NOTICE**

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental document filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

**COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE**

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental document filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

**COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS**

**Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):**

- Collect environmental document filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- Issue environmental document filing fee cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of environmental document filing fee cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- Mail environmental document filing fee for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental document filing fee is due)*.

**Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE)** *(Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))*

- Issue environmental document filing fee cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of environmental document filing fee cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental document filing fee is due)*.

**Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental document filing fees are collected**, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

**The county clerk shall submit the documents below to CDFW on a monthly basis by mail or CDFW's File Transfer Portal (see below):**

- A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- CDFW/ASB copies of all cash environmental document filing fee cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- A copy of all NODs and NOEs filed with the county during the preceding month
- A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD and NOE has been filed. If this information is contained on the environmental document filing fee cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

**DOCUMENT RETENTION**

The county shall retain a copy of the environmental document filing fee cash receipt and all documents described above for at least 12 months.

**RECEIPT NUMBER**

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

**DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.**

For access to CDFW's File Transfer Portal, submit email to [CEQA@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:CEQA@wildlife.ca.gov) (Subject line: [County name] FTP account).

**Mail to:**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Accounting Services Branch  
 P.O. Box 944209  
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090



**STANISLAUS COUNTY CLERK  
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

Mail to: **Attn: Jackie Lancaster**

Name: **Provost & Pritchard Consulting**

Address: **120 N Floral Ave**

City, State, Zip **Visalia, CA 93291**

50-2026-067

**FILED**

April 21, 2026  
DONNA LINDER  
STANISLAUS COUNTY  
CLERK-RECORDER

By: Malinda C. Pa  
Deputy Clerk

THIS SPACE FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY

Complete and attach this form to each CEQA Notice filed with the County Clerk

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Check Document being Filed:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE STANISLAUS  
COUNTY CLERK ON** 04/21/2026  
**Posted** 04/21/2026 **Removed** 05/21/2026  
**Returned to agency on** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DEPUTY** Malinda C. Pa

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

**Notice of Determination**

**Appendix D**

**To:**

Office of Planning and Research  
U.S. Mail: Street Address:  
P.O. Box 3044 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk  
County of: Stanislaus County Clerk  
Address: 1021 I Street  
Modesto, CA 95354

**From:**

Public Agency: Knights Ferry Community Serv  
Address: P.O. Box 860 / 17631 Sonora Road  
Knights Ferry, CA 95361

Contact: Kathleen Feichter, President  
Phone: (209) 630-0879

Lead Agency (if different from above):  
Knights Ferry Gemmunity Services District  
Address: P.O. Box 860 / 17631 Sonora Road  
Knights Ferry, CA 95361

Contact: Kathleen Feichter, President  
Phone: (209) 630-0879

**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2026020751

Project Title: Surface Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project

Project Applicant: Knights Ferry Community Services District

Project Location (include county): Knights Ferry, Stanislaus County

Project Description:

Please see attached Project Description

This is to advise that the Knights Ferry Community Services District has approved the above  
( Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency)

described project on April 16, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above  
(date)  
described project.

1. The project [ will  will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [ were  were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [ were  were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

17631 Sonora Road, Knights Ferry, CA 95361

Signature (Public Agency): Kathleen Feichter Title: President

Date: 4-17-26 Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Project Background and Purpose*

Knights Ferry Community Services District (KFCS D) was established on August 5, 1970, under Section 61000 et. seq. of the Government Code to provide drinking water treatment and distribution services to the unincorporated community of Knights Ferry. Knights Ferry is a small community that encompasses approximately 92 acres. KFCS D currently supplies water to approximately 168 residents through three (3) metered commercial connections, two (2) metered recreational connections, and 64 metered residential connections. While the District owns rights to its water supply, the District's water system is delivered by the Oakdale Irrigation District via the Frymier Canal and the Stanislaus River. Once it is pumped into the system it is treated at the Knights Ferry Water Treatment Plant (WTP) along Lynde St within the systems service area boundary. Substantial improvements to this plant occurred in 2002 and a new storage tank was installed in 2008. The system has since experienced wear and tear and is no longer operating efficiently. A Lead Action Level Exceedance was issued in 2020, and the plant has had historical issues with disinfection byproducts.

Knights Ferry has received Citation and Compliance Order due to Failure to Comply with Sanitary Survey Report. The Sanitary Survey indicated various regulatory concerns with the Knights Ferry water system.

Knights Ferry has an active violation from the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources Local Primacy Agency for Lead Action Level Exceedance and Public Education Program since November of 2020 due to samples taken for lead resulting in detected levels exceeding the action level at 0.015 micrograms per liter (mg/L).

In 2017, the water system report detected levels of disinfection byproducts (DBPs) at elevated levels beyond the maximum contaminant level of 80 mg/L and received a notice of violation. The system has since achieved compliance for DBPs and continues to supply water within the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for DBPs.

The Knights Ferry water service connections are supplied by the surface water treatment plant (SWTP), but years of wear and tear have resulted in many system failures and inconsistent flow. The system has experienced pump failure, line breaks, leaking tanks, inoperable SWTP equipment and other deficiencies that often exceed the technical, operational, and financial capability of the water system.

### *Project Description*

The Project proposes to construct improvements and/or replace existing infrastructure at the Knights Ferry SWTP. The Project proposes to add a package style water filtration system that includes an up-flow adsorption clarifier adjacent to a mixed media filter, such as the Tri-Mite Package Water Treatment Plant (Tri-Mite) system. The Tri-Mite treatment technology has been demonstrated to satisfy the operational and performance requirements necessary to be accepted as an alternative filtration technology under the California Surface Water Treatment Rule (CSWTR), in CCR, Title 22, Section 64665 (CCR, 2000).

The Project would include installation of the Tri-Mite treatment system as well as a pumping station to allow sufficient flow among the treatment system and for adequate storage to meet maximum day demand and fire flow. The existing 30,000-gallon storage tank onsite, which has been inoperable, would be demolished as part of the Project. With installation of the Tri-Mite system, the existing flocculation and sedimentation, chlorine contact tanks, and existing multi-media filters would no longer be necessary and would be demolished as well. Other improvements would include site modifications for safety and efficient operations such as parking and onsite security measures with lighting as needed.

**The Project includes the following project components:**

- **Installation of the Tri-Mite packaged filter system consisting of one (1) 80-gallons per minute (gpm) unit**
- **A transfer pumping station**
- **Cleaning and recoating of the existing 110,000-gallon storage tank**
- **Installations of 100,000-gallon storage tank (for finished water)**
- **Construction of a chemical storage and filter building**
- **A high service pumping station**
- **A backwash pumping station**
- **Demolition of the existing 30,000-gallon finished water storage tank**
- **Demolition of the existing flocculation and sedimentation tanks**
- **Demolition of the existing chlorine contact tanks**
- **Demolition of the existing multi-media filters**
- **Disposal of disconnected water treatment infrastructure (i.e., the abandoned clarifier)**

**The following components/existing infrastructure would remain in place:**

- **The raw water intake pump station**
- **Raw water supply lines to the plant**
- **5,000-gallon raw water storage tank**
- **The building housing the multi-media filters**
- **Residuals management system (sludge drying bed)**
- **Existing 110,000-gallon finished water storage tank**
- **Standby generator**
- **Existing storage shed**

#### *Construction Schedule*

Construction of the Project is assumed to be completed over the course of 24 months; however, active construction activities are anticipated to occur for approximately seven months.

#### *Equipment*

Construction equipment would likely include excavators, backhoes, graders, loaders, saws, compactors, hauling trucks, and water trucks. Generally, construction would occur between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

#### *Operation and Maintenance*

The District has an existing contract with Sierra Sunrise Water Treatment Incorporated to operate and maintain their water system infrastructure. Typical water treatment infrastructure practices include inspecting water lines for leaks, damage and electrical hazards, and sampling water quality. Service meter readings are manually logged monthly. Flushing of valves, adjusting treatment chemical concentrations, and repairs as needed are also common practices from the operator on staff.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
KNIGHTS FERRY COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT**

**ADOPTION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION  
MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE  
SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Knights Ferry Community Service District (KFCSD) prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Surface Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project ("Project") in accordance with requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Project proposes to construct improvements and/or replace existing infrastructure at the Knights Ferry SWTP. The Project proposes to add a package style water filtration system that includes an up-flow adsorption clarifier adjacent to a mixed media filter, such as the Tri-Mite Package Water Treatment Plant (Tri-Mite) system. The Tri-Mite treatment technology has been demonstrated to satisfy the operational and performance requirements necessary to be accepted as an alternative filtration technology under the California Surface Water Treatment Rule (CSWTR), in CCR, Title 22, Section 64665 (CCR, 2000).

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WHEREAS, on February 19, 2026, KFCSD filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt an IS/MND with the Stanislaus County Clerk, said NOI advertised a 30-day review and comment period starting on February 20, 2026, and ending on March 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, said NOI indicated that KFCSD intended to consider said IS/MND at a regular meeting on April 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, one (1) comment letter was received from San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD); and

WHEREAS, said letters included recommendations, comments, and suggestions that did not result in revisions to the proposed IS/MND mitigation measures; and

