

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From: Regional Water Authority
2295 Gateway Oak Drive, Suite 100
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

County Clerk
County of: Sacramento

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY

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Project Title: Water Distribution Infrastructure

Project Applicant: Regional Water Authority

Project Location: 10326 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project will replace and enhance existing water mains and pipelines that will improve the ability for the district to move water within boundaries and outside of the service area. These facilities will provide the opportunity for the district to utilize existing and recently constructed groundwater wells. The Regional Water Authority is the lead under CEQA as it is receiving funding through the State of California which it will then reimburse to Fair Oaks Water District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Regional Water Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Our Project: Tom R. Gray, Fair Oaks Water District

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemptions §15306/15262 and 15304

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is categorically exempt from CEQA via 14 C.C.R. Sec. 15304 - Minor Alterations to Land. This project is intended to modify existing facilities. This project is expected to have only minor alterations in land or vegetation at existing facilities or over previously excavated areas.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Michelle Banonis **Telephone:** (916)862-0359 **Email:** mabanonis@rwah2o.org

Signature: 

Date: 01/13/2026

Title: Manager of Strategic Affairs

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FORM - DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Grant Recipients are responsible for complying with all applicable laws and regulations for their projects, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Work that is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) shall not proceed under this Agreement until documents that satisfy the CEQA process are received by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and DWR has completed its CEQA compliance determination. Work that is subject to CEQA shall not proceed until and unless approved by DWR. Such approval is fully discretionary and shall constitute a condition precedent to any work for which it is required. Once CEQA documentation has been completed, DWR will consider the environmental documents and decide whether to continue to fund the project or to require changes, alterations or other mitigation.

Grant Recipient: Fair Oaks Water District

Agreement #: 4600015463

Project Name: Water Distribution Infrastructure

Project Manager: Tom R. Gray

Address: 10326 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Phone Number: (916) 967-5723

1. List the source of any other grants or funds received from DWR to implement a portion of this project.
None.

2. Is this a project as defined by CEQA? Yes No (if "yes", skip to #3) If "no", please explain below then skip to #8.

3. Is this project exempt from CEQA compliance? Yes No (if "no", skip to #4) If "yes", provide reasons for exemption. Cite the CEQA Article, Section and Title of the CEQA exemption, if appropriate. A partial list of the statutory exemptions is found in Cal. Code Regs., tit.14, art. 18 (sections 15260 – 15285) and a list of categorical exemptions is found in Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, art. 19 (sections 15300 – 15332). A copy of CEQA and the applicable regulations may be found at:
http://resources.ca.gov/ceqa/docs/2016_CEQA_Statutes_and_Guidelines.pdf

4. Check appropriate box below:
 Lead Agency has already filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the State Clearinghouse and/or County Clerk. Attach copy of NOE and, if applicable, a copy of Board Resolution.

Lead Agency will file a NOE with the State Clearinghouse and/or County Clerk. Provide estimated date: Week of January 12, 2026

Lead Agency will NOT file a NOE with the State Clearinghouse and/or County Clerk.

If Lead Agency chooses not to file a NOE, sufficient documentation and information must be submitted to the DWR Grant Manager, along with this form, to allow DWR to make its own determination that the project is exempt from CEQA.

Reason for exemption:
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4. If the project will require CEQA compliance, identify the Lead Agency.
CEQA Lead Agency: _____

5. Please check types of CEQA documents that have been or are to be prepared:

Initial Study _____

Negative Declaration / Mitigated Negative Declaration _____

Environmental Impact Report _____

6. Please describe the status of the CEQA documents, expected date of completion, and estimated cost, if requesting DWR funds relating to CEQA compliance:

Status: _____

Date of Completion: _____

Estimated Costs: _____

7. If the CEQA document has been completed, please provide the name of the document and the State Clearinghouse number, if available.

8. Please list all environmental permits that must be obtained to complete the project: (attach additional pages, as necessary)

TYPE OF PERMIT REQUIRED/PERMITTING AGENCY	DATE RECEIVED OR EXPECTED
No other permits required.	
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

9. This form was completed by:

Tom R. Gray _____
Print or Type Name

(916) 967-5723 _____
Phone Number

 _____
Signature

11-7-25 _____
Date

Please send the completed and signed form to DWR Grant Manager. Use of Electronic Mail and Electronic Signature (with Appropriate Written Consent) is Recommended.

- For DWR internal use:
- DWR received environmental documents.
 - DWR made findings.



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

Print **StartOver** **Save**

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 34 — 01/14/2026 — 008
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Regional Water Authority	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 01/14/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Sacramento	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026-0010	

PROJECT TITLE

Water Distribution Infrastructure

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Regional Water Authority	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL mbanonis@rwah2o.org	PHONE NUMBER (916) 862-0359
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2295 Gateway Oak Drive, Suite 100	CITY Citrus Heights	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95610

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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


CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- | | | | |
|---|------------|----|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$4,227.50 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$3,043.75 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,437.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy) | | | |

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|---|----------|----|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee | | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | \$ | |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Sacramento County Clerk/Recorder- Jacob Hermanson -Deputy Clerk
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01/14/2026 09:07 AM PST
 SACRAMENTO COUNTY RECORDER
 3636 AMERICAN RIVER DR.
 SUITE 110
 SACRAMENTO, CA 95864
 TERMINAL NAME: E2964902

ORDER# 214214150

PAYMENT

COUNTER PAYMENTS \$50.00
 6067
 AGENCY SUBTOTAL: \$50.00
 LEXISNEXIS SERVICE FEE: \$2.50
 TOTAL USD: \$52.50

----- VISA -----
 CARD #: 6433
 PAYMENT: CREDITCARD HEAD-CONTACTLESS
 MODE: 078969 ISSUER
 AUTH CODE: VISA CREDIT
 APP LABEL:
 CVM: A0000000031010
 AID: B8DAE469F5F9E253
 ARQC: \$52.50
 AMOUNT: *** CARD APPROVED ***

AMOUNT PAID:
\$52.50

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