

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Patterson Irrigation District
948 Orange Ave, Patterson, CA 95363

County Clerk

County of: Fresno

2220 Tulare Street

Fresno, CA 93721

(Address)

Project Title: April 2026 Westlands Water District Water Transfer Agreement

Project Applicant: Lead Agency: Patterson Irrigation District. 948 Orange Avenue, Patterson, CA 95363

Project Location - Specific:

Within the boundaries of the Patterson Irrigation District, and Westlands Water District and within the Delta-Mendota Canal, San Luis Canal, and San Luis Reservoir.

Patterson, Three Rocks, Cantua Creek,

Project Location - City: Five Points, Huron, Kettleman City Project Location - County: Stanislaus, Kings, Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Patterson Irrigation District (PID) will make up to 1,650 AF available to Westlands Water District of 2026-27 CVP SOD Ag Water in the 2026-27 Reclamation Water Year. The water will be conveyed through the Delta-Mendota Canal, and San Luis Canal to Westlands Water District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Patterson Irrigation District. 948 Orange Avenue

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Patterson Irrigation District. 948 Orange Avenue

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: Title 14. CCR 15301

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: See below

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Here, PID is conveying water to Westlands Water District into facilities that connect the two districts that already convey irrigation water, this is just a continuation of operations, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA. (CEQA Guidelines, §15061.) In addition the transfer is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 1 Exemption for existing facilities (CEQA Guidelines §15301).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Vince Lucchesi, Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-892-6233

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:  Date: 04/21/2026 Title: 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: _____