

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

County Clerk

County of: Mariposa, Madera, and Merced

From: (Public Agency): State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812

(Address)

Project Title: Merced Irrigation District Water Transfer to Various Agencies

Project Applicant: Merced Irrigation District (MID)

Project Location - Specific:

Lake McClure and service areas of various entities (see details in description)

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Mariposa, Madera, Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

MID petitioned under Water Code section 1725 for temporary change to transfer up to 25,000 acre-feet of water under water right License 2685 (Application 1224) to Sphere of Influence Lands, Le Grand-Athlone Water District, East Side Water District, Amsterdam Water District, Sandy Mush Mutual Water Company, Chowchilla Water District, and other parcels along the MID distribution system by adding a new place of use.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board - Division of Water Rights

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Merced Irrigation 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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Sec. 15282(u), CA Water Code section 1729

Reasons why project is exempt:

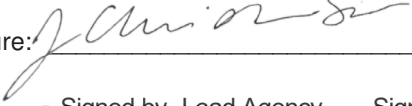
Temporary transfers of water under Water Code section 1725, et seq. are exempt from the requirements of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15282).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Patricia Fernandez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 319-9141

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: May 4, 2026 Title: Deputy Director

▪ 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: _____