

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): North San Joaquin Water  
Conservation District, P.O. Box E., Victor, CA 95253

County Clerk

County of: San Joaquin

44 North San Joaquin Street, Second Floor Suite 260

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(Address)

Project Title: Locust Tree Basin Project

Project Applicant: North San Joaquin Water Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

East of Lodi, California in north west of Locust Tree Road and Bentwood Road

Project Location - City: Lodi

Project Location - County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves constructing an up to 60 acre recharge basin in phases between June 2026 and July 2027, including removing old cherry orchards and vineyards, creating berms/basins and and installation of pipelines and appurtenances to conduct groundwater recharge on the property to benefit the groundwater basin using existing water right Permit 10477.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: North San Joaquin Water Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: North San Joaquin 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: 15061(b)(3) (common sense)
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15302 (replace facilities); 15304 (minor alterations to land)

Reasons why project is exempt:

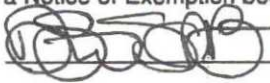
The work is being performed on previously disturbed land that is not near a habitat or a waterway impacting a small number of acres of orchard and vineyard.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Steve Schwabauer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 329-0250

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: 6.9.26 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.

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