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San Joaquin County Clerk

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: San Joaquin County
Office of the Recorder – County Clerk
44 N. San Joaquin Street
Second Floor, Suite 260
Stockton, CA 95202

FROM: Contra Costa Water District (CCWD)
P.O. Box H20
Concord, CA 94524
925-688-8000
Lead Agency/Project Applicant
Filing Agency

PROJECT TITLE: Old and Middle River Pump Stations Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation Improvements Project

PROJECT LOCATION AND ACCESS: The Old River and Middle River Pump Stations Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation Improvements Project (Project) is located at Contra Costa Water District's (CCWD) Old River Pump Station at 17521 CA-4, Discovery Bay, CA, 94505, and Middle River Pump Station at 18520 W State Route 4, Stockton, CA, 95220. See Figure 1 for a Project vicinity map and Figures 2 and 3 for Project location maps.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This Project consists of the installation of upgraded water quality monitoring equipment at CCWD's Old River and Middle River intakes in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Currently, water samples at these intakes are pumped out of wet wells that pass through two-inch diameter piping, which is at high risk of being blocked by the spread of invasive golden mussels (*Limnoperna fortunei*). The purpose of this project is to install new water quality monitoring equipment that will provide more reliable monitoring data and will decrease the risk of being blocked by golden mussels. A total of two multiparameter sondes will be installed, one at Old River and one at Middle River. Each sonde will be incased in a six-inch diameter HDPE pipe stilling well and mounted to the existing concrete cantilever platforms located in front of the fish screen at each intake, where they will extend into the water to collect water quality data. These larger diameter stilling wells will significantly decrease the risk of clogging due to golden mussels and will be easier to access and maintain. See Figure 1 for a Project vicinity map and Figures 2 and 3 for Project location maps. Data from these sondes will be transmitted back to the electrical building at each site through new and existing conduits.

The Project is expected to take three months, with construction occurring between June and August of 2026. Equipment laydown and vehicle staging will occur in previously disturbed areas, such as paved roads and parking areas, within the boundaries of the pump stations on CCWD property. The

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following types of equipment are expected to be present at the project site: crew trucks, a boat or barge, and power tools.

Project activities will occur in previously developed and disturbed areas on CCWD property. No vegetation removal or tree removal will occur. No ground disturbance will occur, and there will be no impact to the banks or beds of the rivers at either intake. Equipment installation will occur from land via the concrete cantilever platforms and from a boat or barge in the water immediately below the platform. The Project is not anticipated to adversely affect natural resources or areas of known cultural or historic resources.

CCWD will use the following standard CCWD Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect the environment:

1. Trash - All trash will be properly contained, removed from the work site, and disposed of on a daily basis.
2. Construction Materials - CCWD will ensure that all raw construction materials, wastes, temporary fences, barriers, and/or flagging are removed and properly disposed of from the Project area immediately following the completion of construction.
3. Hazardous Materials - The storage and handling of hazardous materials within the Project site is prohibited and any unused or leftover hazardous products shall be properly contained and disposed of off-site.
4. Nesting Bird Survey and Buffers - Prior to the start of work, nesting bird surveys will be conducted at the project site by a qualified biologist. If any active nests are discovered before, or during construction, the biologist will establish a work area buffer around the nest and monitor the nest for signs of disturbance.
5. Pre-Construction Biological Education Program - A qualified biologist will provide a worker environmental education program to all personnel working at the site prior to the start of construction.

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AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Contra Costa Water District

AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Contra Costa Water District

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

This project is exempt under Class 1, Section 15301 (b), as it involves the repair and maintenance of an existing facility owned by a public utility. The Project is also exempt under Class 6, Section 15306, as it involves basic data collection which will not result in a major disturbance to an environmental resource.

CONTACT PERSON: Cody Ericksen, Associate Planner, (925) 688-8223

SIGNATURE: Cody Ericksen

DATE: 5/11/26

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Figure 1: Vicinity Map



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Figure 2: Old River Pump Station Location Map



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Figure 3: Middle River Pump Station Location Map





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RECEIPT NUMBER:
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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☒ 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	\$ _____
☐ 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		\$ _____ \$50.00
☐ Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ \$50.00

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Receipt: 1931750-C1

Product Name	Extended
FISH CLERK CLERK FISH AND GAME FILINGS	\$50.00
# Pages	6
Document #	39-06022026-157
Clerk Filing Fee	\$50.00
Total	\$50.00

Tender (Check)	\$50.00
Paid By	Contra Costa Water District
Payor	Westamerica Bank
Check #	256893
Paid By	Contra Costa Water District

Thank You!

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