

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: San Joaquin

44 North San Joaquin Street, Suite 260

Stockton, CA 95202

From: (Public Agency): Reclamation District No. 348
500 Capitol Mall, Suite 1000
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: FY 2026-27 Routine Levee Maintenance

Project Applicant: Reclamation District No. 348

Project Location - Specific:

Levees of the Mokelumne and South Mokelumne Rivers, and Beaver Slough

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Annual maintenance of the existing New Hope Tract levee system in accordance with the Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions Program.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Reclamation District No. 348

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Reclamation District No. 348

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: Sec. 15301 & 15302
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Sec. 15301 - Repair and/or Maintenance of Existing Facility

Sec. 15302 - Reconstruction or Replacement of Existing Facility

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Martin Berber

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 441-6850

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: [Signature] Date: 7/9/2026 Title: President

▪ 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: _____

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07/16/2026 08:23:21 AM

Steve J. Bestolarides
San Joaquin County Clerk

RESOLUTION 2026-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 348 ADOPTING FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR ANNUAL ROUTINE MAINTENANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

WHEREAS, Reclamation District No. 348 (District) is a Reclamation District formed pursuant to Section 3481 of the former Political Code of the State of California for the purpose of providing levee maintenance within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the District is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the New Hope Tract levee system located along the South Mokelumne River; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires each public agency to consider the environmental impacts of all discretionary activities undertaken by that agency; and

WHEREAS, the District's annual routine maintenance of the levees within its boundaries during fiscal year 2026-2027 falls within the scope of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, title 14, section 15301 of the California Code of Regulations (Section 15301) provides for a Class 1 categorical exemption from CEQA for the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing; and

WHEREAS, title 14, section 15302 of the California Code of Regulations (Section 15302) provides for a Class 2 categorical exemption from CEQA for the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that its routine maintenance of the levees within its boundaries during fiscal year 2026-2027 is exempt under CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 and 15302 of the State Guidelines because its actions (1) relate to ongoing operation, repair, and maintenance of the District's levees, (2) involve only minor alterations, if any, of existing structures without any foreseeable expansion of use, and (3) do not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees:

1. Finds that the facts set forth in the recitals above are true and correct, and the Board of Trustees so finds and determines.

2. Finds that the District's annual routine maintenance of the levees within its boundaries during fiscal year 2026-2027 is exempt from CEQA under Sections 15301 and 15302 for the reasons set forth above.
3. Authorizes and directs staff to prepare and file a notice of exemption with the County Clerk of San Joaquin County in accordance with the findings memorialized in this Resolution.
4. Authorizes and directs District officers, staff, and counsel to take all additional actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution and to ensure that the District's ability to operate and maintain the levees within its boundaries in accordance with state and federal laws continues uninterrupted.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of Reclamation District No. 348, Stockton, California, on this 9th day of July 2026, by the following votes:

AYES: *Olagaray, Spalletta, Stokes*

NOES: *N/A*

ABSENT: *N/A*

ABSTAINING: *N/A*



William Stokes
President, Board of Trustees
Reclamation District No. 348

CERTIFICATION

I, Alexis K. Stevens, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 348, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Board of Trustees on July 9, 2026.



**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
39-07162026-218

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.LEAD AGENCY
RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 348

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE
07/16/2026COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING
SAN JOAQUINDOCUMENT NUMBER
39-07162026-218

PROJECT TITLE

FY 2026-27 ROUTINE LEVEE MAINTENANCE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME
RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 348

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER
(916) 441-6850PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS
500 CAPITAL MALL, SUITE 1000CITY
SACRAMENTOSTATE
CAZIP CODE
95814**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)☒ 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

SIGNATURE

X

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Jill Stevens ,Deputy

