Notice of Exemption

(lead agency)

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

From: Contra Costa Water District
1331 Concord Ave
Concord, CA 94520

2026-00301

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September 2, 2026
KRISTIN B. CONNELLY
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By _____
J. Cano
Deputy Clerk

County Clerk
County of Contra Costa
Kristin B. Connelly
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553

Project Title: Title Transfer of the Contra Costa Canal System

Project Applicant: Contra Costa Water District 1331 Concord Ave, Concord, CA 94520

Project Location - Specific:
Contra Costa County, California. The Contra Costa Canal System includes approximately 48 miles of canals, pipelines, pumping plants, reservoirs, dams, wasteways, laterals, maintenance roads, operational facilities, and associated lands, easements, and rights-of-way extending from Rock Slough near Oakley to Martinez.

Project Location - City: Multiple

Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Project consists of the transfer of specified Contra Costa Canal System facilities, lands, easements, rights-of-way, and associated real property interests from the United States, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to Contra Costa Water District pursuant to Section 8302 of Public Law 116-9. The transfer would be implemented through a Title Transfer Agreement and associated deeds, assignments, easement conveyances, and other property instruments, including transfer or assignment of applicable third-party rights and obligations. The Project is limited to the transfer of ownership and associated administrative and property interests and does not authorize construction, expansion or modification of facilities, changes in water rights or deliveries, operational changes, land development, or other ground-disturbing activities. Any future physical modifications or operational changes would be subject to separate approvals and environmental review, as applicable.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa Water District (Lead Agency)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Contra Costa Water 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: _____
- ☒ Other: **Not a project subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15378(a) and 15378(b)(5).**

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Title Transfer is an administrative action that transfers ownership and associated property interests in existing Canal System facilities without authorizing construction, operational changes, or other physical modifications to the environment. Accordingly, CCWD finds that Title Transfer is not a project subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15378(a) and 15378(b)(5). Further, CCWD's continued post-transfer operation and maintenance of these existing public facilities is exempt from CEQA review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because transfer involves "negligible or no expansion of use" of these facilities.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kimberly Lin **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (925) 688-8216

Signature: _____ **Date:** September 1, 2026 **Title:** Director of Planning

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

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07-09/02/2026-301

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT		09/02/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY		2026-00301

PROJECT TITLE

TITLE TRANSFER OF THE CONTRA COSTA CANAL SYSTEM

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT			
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
1331 CONCORD AVE	CONCORD	CA	94520

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	$ 50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	Jennifer Cano Deputy Clerk

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