

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 N San Joaquin St: #260
Stockton, CA 95202

From: (Public Agency): Lead CEQA Agency
Reclamation District No. 2029
P.O. Box 131 Woodbridge, CA 95258
(_____) (Address)

Project Title: Empire Tract 2026-2027 Routine Maintenance

Project Applicant: Reclamation District No. 2029, P.O. Box 131 Woodbridge, CA 95258, 209-601-9624

Project Location - Specific:

Levee around Empire Tract along Disappointment, White, Little Connection and Little Potato Sloughs, San Joaquin River, and Honker Cut.

Project Location - City: Near Stockton Project Location - County: San Joaquin County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Continuation of routine maintenance. Levee system protects property and inhabitants within District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Reclamation District No. 2029

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Reclamation District No. 2029

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. 21084; 15301)
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: (Sec. 15261)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Required maintenance of existing serviceable structure.

Also, exempt under statutory exemption 15261 (statutory exemption for pre-CEQA ongoing projects).

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Tom Terpstra Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 985-9273

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: 6/26/26 Title: District Engineer

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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By Deputy: aambriz



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**RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2029
RESOLUTION NO. 26-01
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026-2027 DELTA LEVEES
MAINTENANCE
SUBVENTIONS PROGRAM AND FINDING OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

WHEREAS, Reclamation District No. 2029 (the "District") owns, operates, and maintains levees, channels, drainage and irrigation systems, and related flood control improvements within the District; and,

WHEREAS, the District participates in the Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions Program administered by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board pursuant to Part 9, Division 6 of the Water Code, as amended by SB 34 (Chapter 28, Statutes of 1988); and,

WHEREAS, the District has prepared its 2026-2027 Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions Program Application (the "Application"); and,

WHEREAS, the work included in the Application consists of the maintenance and or repair of existing levee improvements, which involves negligible or no expansion of those improvements' existing uses; and,

WHEREAS, the District performs routine maintenance on its existing infrastructure and facilities, including levees, drainage and irrigation systems, as part of its ongoing operations and responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, such work falls within the categorical exemption to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") set forth in Section 15301 (Class 1) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, title 14, chapter 3, article 19, and does not constitute an exception to the categorical exemptions; and,

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the filing of a Notice of Exemption and the execution of the agreement necessary to participate in the Program for fiscal year 2026-2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 2029 as follows:

1. The work included in the District's 2026-2027 Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions Program Application consists of the maintenance and or repair of existing levee improvements which involves negligible or no expansion of said improvements' existing uses and, hence, falls within the categorical exemption to the California Environmental Quality Act set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301; that said work does not constitute an exception to the exemptions of the California Environmental

Quality Act, and that the District's Engineer is authorized to prepare and file with the County of San Joaquin the appropriate Notice of Exemption on behalf of the District.

2. The District performs routine maintenance on its existing infrastructure and facilities, including levees, drainage and irrigation systems, as part of its ongoing operations and responsibilities, and these routine maintenances of facilities fall within the categorical exemptions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. All of the work described above falls within the categorical exemptions to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act, California Administrative Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19.
4. The Secretary of Reclamation District No. 2029 is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the District that certain Agreement between the Central Valley Flood Protection Board and the District covering participation in the Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions Program pursuant to Part 9, Division 6 of the Water Code as amended by SB 34, Chapter 28, Statutes of 1988, for fiscal year 2026-2027, and the work to be reported to the State thereunder is determined to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) for the reasons set forth above.

AYES: Directors:

NOES: Directors:

ABSENT: Directors:

By 
Trustee, Reclamation District 2029

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 2029 at a meeting held on 6-24-26, and that this Resolution has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

Tom Terpstra: District Secretary/Counsel

Date: 6-24-26