


# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| <p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research<br/>P. O. Box 3044, Room 113<br/>Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>   | <p>FROM: Name: North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (lead agency)</p> <p>Contact: Steve Schwabauer<br/>General Manager</p> <p>Address: Mailing Address:<br/>P.O. Box 334<br/>Victor, CA 95253</p> <p>Office Address:<br/>498 East Kettleman Ln<br/>Lodi, CA 95240</p> <p>Telephone: 209-368-2101</p> |
| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors<br/>or<br/>County Clerk (San Joaquin County)</p> <p>Address:<br/>44 North San Joaquin Street<br/>Second Floor Suite 260<br/>Stockton, CA 95202</p> <p>Phone: (209) 468-3939</p> | <p><b>Filed Doc #: 39-07152025-203</b><br/>Tue Jul 15 12:38:59 PDT 2025<br/>Page: 1 of 5 Fee: \$50.00<br/>Steve J. Bestolarides<br/>San Joaquin County Clerk</p> <p>By Deputy: kmchugh</p>                                |

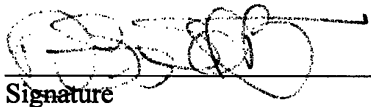
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| <p>1. Project Title:</p>     | <p>Water Purchase Agreement with Woodbridge Irrigation District</p>   |
| <p>2. Project Applicant:</p> | <p><b>North San Joaquin Water Conservation District</b></p> <p>Contact:<br/>Steve Schwabauer<br/>General Manager</p> <p>Mailing Address:<br/>P.O. Box 334<br/>Victor, CA 95253</p> <p>Office Address:<br/>498 East Kettleman Ln</p> |

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|  | <p>Lodi, CA 95240</p> <p>Phone: 209-368-2101</p> <p>Email: Steve@NSJWCD.com</p>   |
| 3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):                              | See Exhibit 1 attached for the project location, which shows the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District ("NSJWCD") and Woodbridge Irrigation District ("WID") boundaries, the existing WID diversion point, and the NSJWCD diversion points (North, South, Cal Fed, and Tracy Lake).   |
| 4. (a) Project Location – City:  | (b) Project Location – County:  |
| 5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:   | <p>On June 30, 2025, the Board of Directors for NSJWCD approved a Water Purchase Agreement ("Agreement") with WID. WID and NSJWCD are both Groundwater Sustainability Agencies with adjacent service areas and shared landowners and growers, and an interest in achieving groundwater sustainability.</p> <p>NSJWCD is unlikely to receive an allocation of water under its water right for 2025, whereas WID expects to receive its full 60,000 acre-feet allocation for 2025 and have some water available to transfer as a result of fallowing and other interim conservation measures in WID. NSJWCD will purchase up to 3,000 af of WID water for use in NSJWCD during 2025. The water will be diverted by NSJWCD from existing diversion facilities and used for irrigation or recharge activities in NSJWCD on existing irrigated lands or in existing recharge facilities.</p> <p>Operations and diversion and use of WID Water pursuant to this temporary Agreement will be consistent with NSJWCD's historic, ongoing, and periodic diversions using its existing infrastructure ("Baseline Conditions"). Total diversions of WID water from the Mokelumne River will also be consistent with Baseline Conditions.</p> |
| 6. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, | <p><b>North San Joaquin Water Conservation District</b></p> <p>Contact:<br/>Steve Schwabauer, General Manager</p>   |

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| permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity: | Mailing Address:<br>P.O. Box 334<br>Victor, CA 95253<br><br>Office Address:<br>498 East Kettleman Ln<br>Lodi, CA 95240<br><br>Phone: 209-368-2101<br>Email:<br>Steve@NSJWCD.com  |
| 7. Exempt status: (check one)   |  |
| (a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.   |  |
| (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not a project.  | 14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15378  |
| (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.   |  |
| (d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption.<br>State type and section number:          | Class 1, 14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15301 (existing facilities)   |
| (e) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.  |  |
| (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption.<br>State Code section number:                           |  |
| (g) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:   | 14 Cal. Code Regs., 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption)   |
| 8. Reason why project was exempt:   | <p>The Project is exempt from environmental review under CEQA, Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq., and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15000 et seq. ("State CEQA Guidelines").</p> <p>The Agreement is not a "project" under State CEQA Guidelines section 15378, subdivision (a) because the diversion of WID Water will not result in any physical change compared to NSJWCD's Baseline Conditions.</p> <p>Even if the Agreement constitutes a "project," it is categorially exempt from CEQA review under State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 (Class 1) because WID Water will be diverted at NSJWCD facilities within NSJWCD's Baseline Conditions, and no physical changes will occur.</p> <p>The Agreement also meets the common sense exemption in State CEQA Guidelines section 15061, subdivision (b)(3). It can be seen with certainty there is no possibility of a significant effect because the diversion of WID Water is</p> |

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|  | <p>part of NSJWCD's Baseline Conditions and will not result in any physical change.</p> <p>None of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply. There is no reasonable possibility the Agreement would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, and the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is not significant.</p> |
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| <p>9. Lead Agency Contact Person:</p> <p>Telephone:</p>   | <p>Steve Schwabauer</p> <p>General Manager</p> <p>209-368-2101</p> |
| <p>10. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.</p> <p><i>Not applicable</i></p>  |  |
| <p>11. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Not applicable</i></p>                                       |  |
| <p>12. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, the date of the public hearing was: June 30, 2025</p> |  |

  
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 Signature

Date: July 15, 2025

Steve Schwabauer  
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 Name

Title: General Manager

☐ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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