

**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: Contra Costa  
555 Escobar Street  
Martinez, CA 94553

**From: (Public Agency):** Byron-Bethany Irrigation District  
7995 Bruns Road  
Byron, CA 94514

(Address)

Project Title: The West Side Irrigation District Service Area CVP Contract WIIN Act Conversion

Project Applicant: Byron-Bethany Irrigation District

Project Location - Specific:

Within the West Side Service Area in Byron-Bethany Irrigation District

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The West Side irrigation District has agreed with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to convert its water service contract from the Central Valley Project to a repayment contract; and that negotiated contract is reflected in the Converted Contract between the United States and The West Side Irrigation District providing for Project Water Service from Delta Division and Facilities Repayment pursuant to the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (Pub. L. 114-322, 130 Stat. 1628). In September, 2020 The West Side Irrigation District was consolidated with Byron-Bethany Irrigation District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Byron-Bethany Irrigation Distirct

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Rick Gilmore

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: 15301 and there are no exceptions to the exemption
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15261

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Converted Contract continues water service to the service area of The West Side Irrigation District within established parameters, in the same scope and nature of the ongoing Central Valley Project and its existing facilities; it involves no increase in existing service; and no new construction, expansion, or any modification to the existing distribution system; nor any change in the source of water to be delivered, or the uses to which such supplies will be put.

Lead Agency  
 Contact Person: Rick Gilmore, General Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 835-0735 <sup>0375</sup>

**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:  Date: 11/12/2020 Title: General Manager

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: \_\_\_\_\_