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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 16, 2015
TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Thaddeus L. Bettner, General Manager *TLB.*
SUBJECT: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption
Prepared for 2015 Emergency Groundwater Production Program

Glenn Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) Sacramento River surface water supplies and diversion rates have been drastically curtailed this year, as a result of enactment of fishery protection efforts for winter run salmon and the critically dry year. Today, the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation, as well as Federal and State fishery agencies, have imposed further restrictions on Shasta Dam releases, which exacerbates the emergency situation that confronts GCID. This unexpected development poses an imminent threat to property in GCID, wherein valuable crops being grown within the GCID service area may fail as a result of heightened irrigation water shortfalls. Therefore, immediate action in response to these unprecedented cutbacks is necessary to mitigate an emergency, as set forth in Public Resources Code § 21080(b)(4), in accordance with the CEQA statutory exemption.

Consequently, GCID must take urgent action to initiate implementation of the 2015 Emergency Groundwater Production Program (Project), for which a CEQA Notice of Exemption has been prepared and recorded. The Project is a short-term emergency groundwater production program to provide irrigation water from five existing wells to GCID customers that will continue to suffer damage due to the ongoing drought in the Sacramento Valley. GCID will produce groundwater from these five wells from June 16, 2015, until it is able to sufficiently supplement all crops in its service area and reduce the threat to properties thereto.

A copy of the Notice of Exemption is enclosed as Exhibit A for your information.

Exhibit A

RECORDING REQUESTED BY:

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
P.O. Box 150
Willows, CA 95988

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Glenn County, CA

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Project Title:

**Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
Notice of Exemption
2015 Emergency Groundwater Production Program**

Project Location: Glenn County and Colusa County

THIS PAGE ADDED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SPACE FOR RECORDING INFORMATION
(Additional recording fee applies)

**Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
Notice of Exemption
2015 Emergency Groundwater Production Program**

To: Sheryl Thur, Clerk-Recorder
County of Glenn
525 W. Sycamore, Suite B1
Willows, CA 95988

Kathleen Moran, Clerk-Recorder
County of Colusa
546 Jay Street, Suite 200
Colusa, CA 95932

From: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
344 East Laurel Street
Willows, CA 95988

Project Title: 2015 Emergency Groundwater Production Program

Project Location: **Glenn County**

(1) Wells are located in Glenn County as follows:

- 22N02W02J001M (GCID 1)*: T22N, R02W, S02
- 22N01W19K005M (GCID 2)*: T22N, R01W, S19
- 21N01W05D001M (GCID 3)*: T21N, R01W, S05
- 21N01W31H001M (GCID 4)*: T21N, R01W, S31
- 21N02W36A001M (Jacinto)*: T21N, R02W, S36

(2) A portion of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District service area is located in Glenn County

Colusa County

(1) A portion of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District service area is located in Colusa County

* (See map of Project Location, attached hereto as Exhibit A.)

Description of the Project and Reason for Exemption

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) will implement the 2015 Emergency Groundwater Production Program (Project). The Project is a short-term emergency groundwater production program to provide irrigation water from five existing wells to GCID customers that will continue to suffer damage due to the ongoing drought in the Sacramento Valley. Currently, GCID's Sacramento River surface water supplies and

diversion rates have been drastically curtailed, as a result of enactment of fishery protection efforts for winter run salmon and the critically dry year. The lack of adequate irrigation water poses an immediate threat to property within GCID. GCID will produce groundwater from these five wells from June 16, 2015, until it is able to sufficiently supplement all crops in its service area and reduce the threat to properties thereto.

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

Environmental Review: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

Exempt Status: Statutory exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. (Public Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15061(b)(1), 15269(c).)

Lead Agency Contact Person: Thaddeus L. Bettner, GCID General Manager,
(530) 934-8881

Signature:  _____

Date Received for Filing at Glenn County: _____

Date Received for Filing at Colusa County: _____

EXHIBIT A

