California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Exemption

To: San Joaquin County
   Recorder/County Clerk
   44 North San Joaquin Street, Suite 627
   Stockton, California 95202

From: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
       P.O. Box 54153
       Los Angeles, California 90054-0153

Project Name: Purchase and Sale Agreement: Delta Wetlands Properties


Project Location - City:

Description of Project: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) has entered into a purchase and sale agreement to purchase 20,369.80 acres of land from Delta Wetlands Properties. The property consists of five areas of land in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta and is located in Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Solano counties. In accordance with the agreement, acquisition of the property will preserve the current open space, habitat or historical resources and will allow restoration of natural conditions including plant or animal habitats.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Exempt Status: (check as applicable)
☐ Ministerial (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(1))
☐ Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(3))
☐ Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(2))
☐ Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4))
☐ Categorical Exemption, Class 25, State CEQA Guidelines §15325
☐ Statutory Exemption, State CEQA Guidelines
☐ Other, State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project consists of the transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources conditions and there is no potential for significant effects due to unusual circumstances. The project is also exempt under the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects with the potential for causing significant effects.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Vikki Dee Bradshaw at (213) 217-6018

Signature: [Signature]
   Deirdre West, Team Manager

Date: March 10, 2016

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Steve J. Bestolarides
San Joaquin County Clerk
SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

RECEIPT NUMBER: 39-2016-000072
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable) N/A

LEAD AGENCY [THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SAN JOAQUIN]
LEAD AGENCY EMAIL N/A
DATE 03/11/2016

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING
PROJECT TITLE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT: DELTA WETLANDS PROPERTIES
PROJECT APPLICANT NAME (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX)
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS PO BOX 54153
CITY LOS ANGELES
STATE CA
ZIP CODE 90054

□ Local Public Agency □ School District □ Other Special District □ State Agency □ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) $3,070.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) $2,210.25
☐ Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP) $1,043.75

☐ 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
☐ Other $50.00

PAYMENT METHOD:
☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED $50.00

SIGNATURE
Amy Rivera , Deputy

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk on or before filing a Notice of Determination (see Pub. Resources Code §21152) the fee required under Fish and Game Code section 711.4, subdivision (d). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

1. The original cash receipt is to be issued to a project applicant when payment is made in conjunction with filing a Notice of Determination. The second copy is to be submitted to the CDFW on a monthly basis. The remaining copies will be retained by the county (one for the lead agency and one for the county clerk).

2. For projects that are statutorily exempt or categorically exempt (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§15260-15285, 15300-15333) and are filed with the county clerk, the cash receipt shall be completed and attached to the Notice of Exemption. No fee is due for statutorily exempt or categorically exempt projects.

3. For projects that CDFW has found to have no effect, the cash receipt shall be completed, and attached to the Notice of Determination; it is mandatory that a copy of CDFW No Effect Determination be attached to the Notice of Determination. If the project applicant does not have a No Effect Determination from CDFW, then the appropriate filing fee is due.

4. Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the filing fees are collected, each county will summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on the State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) as “Environmental Document Filing Fees” per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FINES.

The following documents are to be mailed by the county clerk to CDFW on a monthly basis:

(A) A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31);
(B) CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts);
(C) A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment;
(D) A copy of all Notices of Determination filed with the county during the preceding month; and
(E) A list of the complete name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which a Notice of Determination has been filed.

If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

RECEIPT NUMBERING PROCEDURE

Receipts shall be numbered using the two numbers assigned to each county/agency in the table below, followed by the current year and a 3 digit number. For example the first environmental filing fee receipt issued by the County of Alameda (Code 01) in 2015 shall be numbered 01-2015-001.

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Accounting Services Branch
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Sacramento, California 94244-2090