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California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Title: 2018 Spring Pulse Flow Release

Project Location: From the Stanislaus River at Goodwin Dam to the Jones and Banks Pumping Plants, and ultimately to the San Luis Reservoir; located in Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Merced Counties.

Project Description:

Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) and South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) will provide up to 100,000 acre-feet of water to augment water releases made by the USBR to benefit migratory fish on the Stanislaus and San Joaquin Rivers. The releases will occur at Goodwin Dam during April and May, and will be coordinated with the USBR's releases to assist Reclamation in meeting its legal obligations for the April-May pulse flow in D-1641. The USBR will be responsible for determining the flow rate and schedule of the release, upon concurrence with the NMFS. The San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) will pay OID and SSJID for every acre-foot in

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excess of the flow released by the USBR at Goodwin Dam for the Spring pulse flow, up to a maximum of 100,000 acre-feet. There will be no reservoir refill criteria.

Current Hydrology:

Projected hydrology for the Stanislaus River Basin at both the 50% and 90% exceedance show a release schedule of 347,000 acre-feet for Appendix-2e flows for the water year of March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019. Given these flows, Reclamation will not be able to meet the D-1641 flow objective for April and May. Current analysis shows a flow deficit of 1,500-2,000 cfs per day at Vernalis under the 50% and 90% exceedance forecast. This is with Reclamation's Appendix-2e flow release.

Projected hydrology for the Stanislaus River Basin under the 50% and 90% forecast shows that End of Month Storage September with the release ranges from 1.3 maf to 1.5 maf. The Districts have determined there will be no impact to carryover storage/cold water pool at New Melones due to the release.

Project Purpose:

The releases are for the purpose of improving flow on the Stanislaus and San Joaquin Rivers to benefit migratory fish. Pursuant to the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Decision 1641 (D-1641), the USBR is responsible for meeting the April-May flow objective flows at Vernalis. The NMFS 2009 Biological Opinion (BiOp) establishes the Spring "pulse flow" identified in the Stanislaus River Minimum Fish Flow Schedule for the purpose of protecting migratory fish in the lower San Joaquin River and Delta, particularly fall-run Chinook salmon and Central Valley steelhead. (BiOp, p. 641-645). The USBR's releases of the water provided by OID and SSJID will supplement flows in the Stanislaus and San Joaquin Rivers to improve instream flow conditions for migratory fish during April and May 2018. The released water will be diverted by the DWR and SLDMWA pursuant to WIIN Act, Section 4001. This water will help those entities offset the severe allocation reductions they have received this year.

Project Proponents: Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

Project Beneficiaries: OID, SSJID, USBR, DWR, SLDMWA.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption (14 Cal. Code of Regulations, Sec. 15301 Class 1(i) Maintenance of Stream Flow to protect fish and wildlife resources).

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The project utilizes existing public facilities for the maintenance of flows to protect fish and wildlife resources. There will be no change in operation or expansion of existing diversion and pumping facilities.

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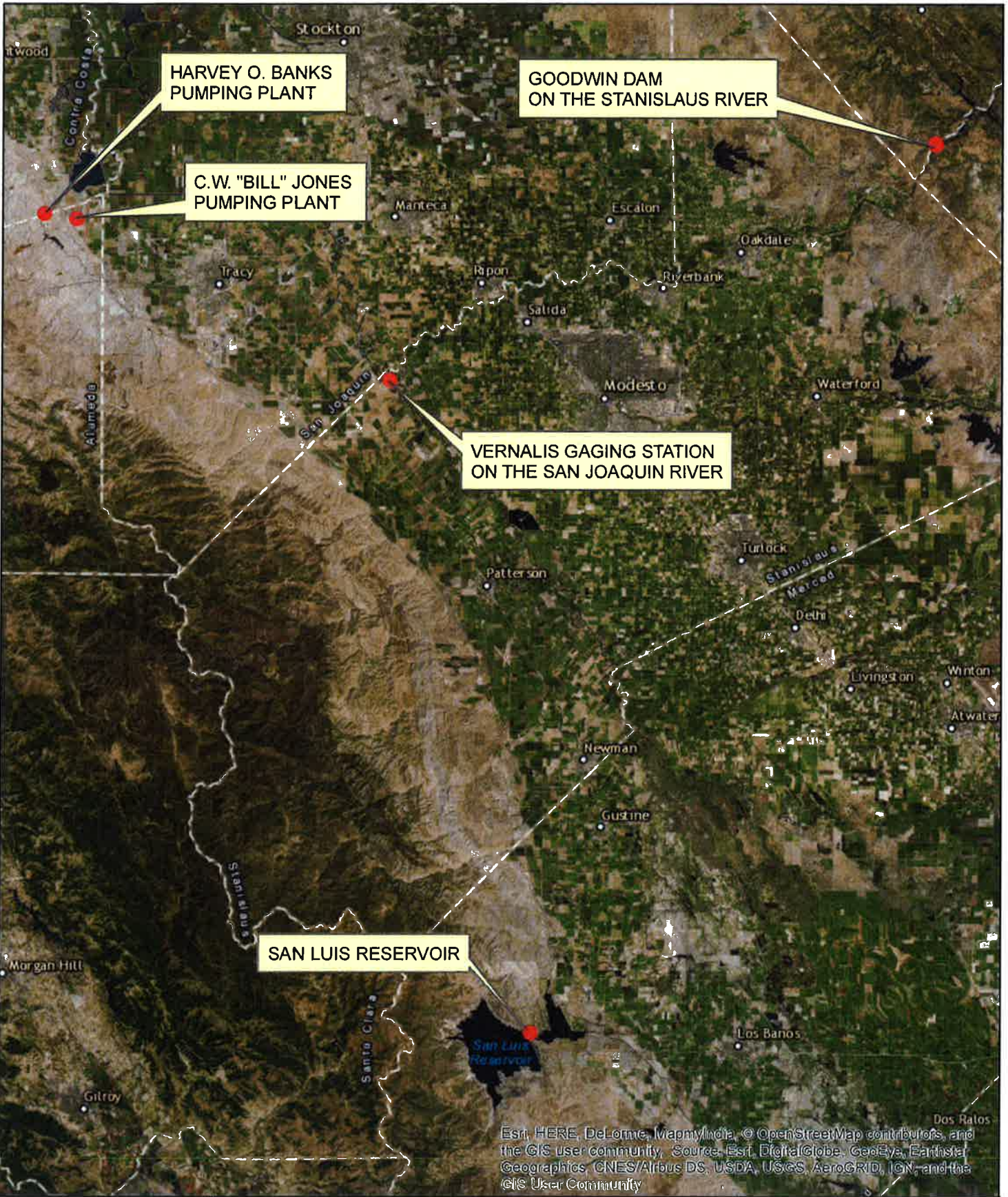


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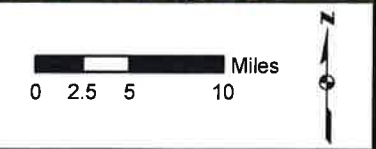
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**PROJECT SITE MAP
 OID & SSJD
 2018 SPRING PULSE FLOW RELEASE**





State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2018 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/03/18) Previously DFG 753.5a

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PROJECT TITLE 2018 Spring Pulse Flow Release			
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$3,168.00 \$ 0.00
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,280.75 \$ 0.00
- Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP) \$1,077.00 \$ 0.00

- 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 \$ 0.00
- County documentary handling fee \$ 57.00
- Other \$

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 57.00

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