

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: Colusa, Glenn, and Yolo

From: (Public Agency): Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
344 E. Laurel Street
Willows, CA 95988

(Address)

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Project Title: 2026 Transfer to Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DONNA M. JOHNSTON
Clerk of the Board

Project Applicant:

By S. Ratner Deputy

Project Location - Specific:

Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company-Counties of Glenn, Colusa, Yolo. Map attached.

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Glenn, Colusa, and Yolo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Consistent with transfers that have occurred every year since 1999, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District will transfer up to 45,000 acre-feet of irrigation tailwater to the Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company for irrigation use.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: GCID, Colusa Drain Mutual Water Co., U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Existing Facilities (15301), Minor Alterations to Land (15304), General (15061(b)(3))
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

See attached.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jeffrey P. Sutton Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-934-8881

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: Jeff Sutton Date: 4-20-26 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:

Please Post through
MAY 21, 2026

GCID 2026 Water Transfer to Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company: Reasons Why Project is Exempt from CEQA

Consistent with transfers made by Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) to Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company (CDMWC) annually since 1999, GCID will transfer irrigation tailwater to CDMWC for irrigation use. Tailwater transfers identical to those under the project have been occurring annually for more than two decades; the transfer agreement will allow these transfers to continue without change. Water transferred under the agreement is tailwater from irrigation that would not result in a new draw on the hydrogeologic system. No land will be fallowed within GCID as a result of the transfer, and the transfer will not result in any increase in groundwater pumping. The transfer will occur using existing facilities to irrigate existing cropland within CDMWC, consistent with established irrigation uses. The transfer qualifies for the following CEQA categorical exemptions: 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Lands) and 15061(b)(3) (General), and there is no possibility the transfer will result in a significant impact to the environment.

GCID



GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

City of
Chico

Butte County

Glenn County

Yuba County

Colusa County





Sutter County

Yolo County



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Miles

Legend

-  Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Service Area
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