



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk
County of Los Angeles
Environmental Filings
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FROM: Water Replenishment District of Southern California
4040 Paramount Boulevard
Lakewood, CA 90712

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Project Title: Approval of the levying of a replenishment assessment on the production of groundwater from the groundwater supplies within the Water Replenishment District of Southern California's jurisdiction, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2011, as provided in Section 60317 of the California Water Code.

Project Location (Specific): Los Angeles County

Project Location (City): n/a Project Location (County): Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: On May 11, 2010, the Water Replenishment District of Southern California ("District") adopted a resolution levying a replenishment assessment on the production of groundwater from the groundwater supplies within the District's jurisdiction. The replenishment assessment shall be levied in the amount of Two Hundred Five Dollars (\$205.00) per acre foot, during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. The District will use replenishment assessment funds to purchase water for replenishment and to remove contaminants from groundwater supplies. Funds raised from the replenishment assessment will benefit directly or indirectly, all of the persons or real property and improvements within the District's jurisdiction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Water Replenishment District of Southern California

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

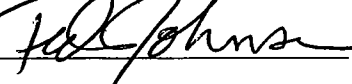
Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (14 Calif. Admin. Code §15268)
Declared Emergency (14 Cal. Admin. Code §15269(a))
Emergency Project (14 Cal. Admin. Code §15269(b) & (c))
Statutory Exemption. (14 Cal. Admin. Code §§15260 et seq.)
Categorical Exemption. (14 Cal. Admin. Code §§15300 et seq.)
Other (14 Cal. Admin. Code §§ 15261(a) and 15273)

Reasons why project is exempt: The District's replenishment assessment is exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 Cal. Admin. Code § 15261(a), in that it is an ongoing project commencing at a date such that an environmental impact report has not been required, and the fiscal year 2010-2011 program is part of that ongoing project. Further, the District's replenishment assessment is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code §

21080(b)(8) and 14 Cal. Admin. Code § 15273, as the District is establishing and approving a rate and/or other charge for the purpose of (1) meeting operating expenses, (2) purchasing supplies, (3) meeting financial reserve needs and requirements, and/or (4) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas.

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**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_      **Date:** 5/21/2010

**Date received for Filing:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_