

**Attachment A**

**Agency: Corcoran Irrigation District  
Drought Executive Order N-7-22, Action 13  
Self-Certification Form**

**BACKGROUND:** *Consistent with the March 28, 2022 Drought Executive Order N-7-22 Action 13, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) developed this self-certification form to allow local agencies to submit their proposed recharge projects to DWR and that the project is eligible for the CEQA suspension. After reviewing the information submitted via this self-certification form, DWR will review and may concur. A list of activities eligible for the CEQA suspension is maintained on DWR's website at: <https://water.ca.gov/Water-Basics/Drought>.*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Entities carrying out a proposed recharge project that may meet the objectives of Executive Order N-7-22 Action 13 should complete this self-certification form as soon as possible to initiate DWR's review and potential concurrence that the project is eligible for the CEQA suspension. Please submit one self-certification form for each individual project. For questions, please email [SGMPS@water.ca.gov](mailto:SGMPS@water.ca.gov).*

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- 1. Please provide a short description of the proposed recharge project in which you are seeking a CEQA suspension, demonstrating how it is consistent with Executive Order N-7-22, Action 13 (include historical land use and current land use on the proposed project location):**

*The Corcoran Irrigation District (CID) Flood Capture and Basin Recharge and Storage Project is a project to increase the unused intentional recharge capacity of existing ponds. This recharge area historically has been underutilized. This project proposed to develop an area that has not been used for recharge, due to lack of funds but is on the list of high priority projects that benefit the GSA and the Subbasin as a whole.*

- 2. Please describe the anticipated benefits and the basis of those benefits from implementing the proposed recharge project (in acre-feet/year or estimated volume of water, if possible):**

*This project proposes to recharge high quality surface water providing a direct benefit to the Severely Disadvantaged Community of Corcoran and the nearby CID and City of Corcoran well field as well as urban users. The recharge area is 237 acres and is located within 1.25 miles of the City of Corcoran's Well Field and will have a direct positive benefit to subsidence, water quality, and groundwater levels. Data suggests that the recharge rate in this area is in the range of 0.25 to 0.35 feet per day. With the increased area, water can be diverted and stored underground for later use. Assuming water is available every 4 years and available for a 30-day period, the average benefit is estimated at approximately 625 acre-feet/year.*

- 3. Please identify the category this proposed recharge project would fall under (multiple answer can be selected):**

- Flood Managed Aquifer Recharge.
- DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program. (selected option).
- Other.

- 4. Please identify which of the objectives the proposed recharge project meets as described in the Executive Order (multiple answers can be selected):**

Projects is on Open Lands (which are those lands that are native or largely undeveloped from agricultural or industrial practices. These lands could include flood bypasses, natural areas, wildlife preserves, or existing managed wetlands.)

Project is on Working Lands (which are those lands that have been previously developed for agricultural or other industrial practices. These lands could include active or fallowed agricultural lands, gravel and sand operations, open storage fields, or other similar working lands.) selected option).

**5. Please describe how the proposed recharge project meets the following objectives as described in the Executive Order:**

Project will help mitigate groundwater conditions impacted by the drought (To mitigate groundwater conditions impacted by drought, projects should include the replenishment of groundwater resources to the subsurface, especially shallow aquifers, for the purpose of storage, temporary or otherwise. Drought impacts to groundwater conditions would include lowering of groundwater levels that may have occurred due to lack of natural recharge or groundwater pumping that may especially impact shallow aquifers.)

**6. What funding sources are supporting the proposed recharge project? (Please list all local, state, federal, private or public funding sources):**

The Corcoran Irrigation District Recharge Basin Project was awarded \$1,900,000 from Round 2 of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant.

**7. Please provide the estimated project start date:**

6/30/2022.

**8. Please provide the estimated project end date or date project can be considered operational:**

4/1/2024.

**9. Please identify if the proposed recharge project requires a new water right permit to be issued by the State Water Board under their Groundwater Storage Water Rights Permitting process. If an existing water right is being used, please provide the permit number under the 'Other' category (For more information, visit:**

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/applications/groundwater\\_recharge/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/groundwater_recharge/)):

No new water right is needed; already have existing water rights or agreements for this proposed recharge project. (selected option).

Need a temporary water right for this recharge project (180 days).

Need a temporary water right for this recharge project (1 to 5 years).

Need a streamlined permit for a standard water right.

Need a standard water right for this recharge project.

Other.

**10. When do you anticipate your proposed recharge project will be ready for construction phase (i.e. shovel ready)?**

07/01/2023.

- 11. Are there other permitting requirements necessary to carry out the proposed recharge project. If so, please describe.**

*None.*

- 12. Please describe if there are any anticipated water quality or other environmental impacts associated with the propose recharge project (if so, please describe the mitigation measures that will be taken to remedy or offset those impacts):**

*There are no anticipated negative water quality or environmental impacts associated with this project.*

- 13. Please provide the name of the Local Agency implementing the proposed recharge project:**

*Corcoran Irrigation District.*

- 14. Please provide a Project Manager Point of Contact First and Last Name:**

*Amer Hussain.*

- 15. Please provide a Project Manager Point of Contact Email and Phone Number:**

*ahussain@geosyntec.com, 559-479-2013.*

- 16. Please identify the groundwater basin in which the proposed recharge project will be located. If possible, please provide the proposed project location coordinates (latitude, longitude). (For more information, visit:**

<https://sgma.water.ca.gov/webgis/index.jsp?appid=gasmaster&rz=true>):

*Tulare Lake Subbasin.*

*Basin: 36.1277972222, -119.5499861111*

- 17. Please provide the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) or Alternative to a GSP that the proposed recharge project is associated:**

*GSA: El Rico.*

*GSP: Tulare Lake Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, Volume 1. 2020.*

- 18. Please provide any additional information you would like to include in your Self-Certification Form:**

*None.*

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*In signing this self-certification form, I understand that the Department of Water Resources will rely on this signed certification form to determine if a concurrence with the Drought Executive Order N-7-22, Action 13 is granted for the project described and that false and/or inaccurate representations in this self-certification form may result in the invalidation of the CEQA suspension.*

*Furthermore, I understand that by receiving concurrence from the Department of Water Resources concerning eligibility for the CEQA suspension outlined in EO N-7-22, DWR makes no claims, promises, or guarantees about the project feasibility, benefits claimed from the completed project, adequacy of the project, potential environmental impacts of the construction activities or completed project, and expressly disclaims liability for project performance, environmental impacts during and after construction, project construction disturbances, unmitigated environmental impacts post-construction, or project failures.*

Amer Hussain		12/13/2022
_____ Name of Authorized Representative	_____ Signature	_____ Date

Senior Principal Engineer	Geosyntec Consultants
_____ Title	_____ Agency