

Attachment A

**Agency: Consolidated 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.*

- 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 proposed Consolidated Irrigation District Multiple Recharge Basin Project consists of the construction of approximately 120 acres of recharge basins in Fresno County. There would be three (3) basins proposed at three sites and each basin/site would have a monitoring well, perimeter fencing and new berm construction would not exceed six feet.

-Temperance & Mtn View, approximately 60 acres, APN 358-270-12. The site is zoned AG but currently void of agriculture and the one single family residence would remain and be surrounded by levees. The proposed basin would connect to Crosscut canal, an existing CID facility.

-Huntsman, approximately 40 acres, APN. 358-270-12. The site is zoned AG. The existing residence is a fire hazard and will be demolished leaving the site vacant. The proposed basin would connect to Ward Drainage Canal, an existing CID facility.

-Central & Bethel, approximately 20 acres, APN 332-110-37. The site is zoned AG and currently vacant except the two residences to the northwest which will be completely avoided and outside the project area. The proposed basin would connect to Garfield Ditch, an existing CID facility.

- 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):**

Recharge basins within CID have long term average recharge rates that vary from 0.5 feet per day to 1.5 feet per day. The surface soil conditions at the sites appear to have good soils for the intentional recharge of water. Per the application materials an assumed rate of 0.5 af/acre acres over a 120 day period. The wet years occur 4 out of 10 years. CID has significant ability to access entitlement and flood release surface water supplies from the Kings River. Using these values results in 120 acres X 0.5 af/acre X 120 days X 4/10. It is estimated that the average annual recharge from these sites would be 2,880 af/yr.

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

- Flood Managed Aquifer Recharge. (selected option)*
- 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.) (selected option)*

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

This project is planned to be constructed with grant funds from Proposition 68, the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) grant program.

7. Please provide the estimated project start date:

1/17/2022

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

12/1/2023

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/):

- 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: Kings River Water Association Licenses 11517-11. (selected option)

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

Spring 2023

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

NA

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):

None

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

Consolidated Irrigation District

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

Phil Desatoff, General Manager

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

Pdesatoff@cidwater.com, (559) 896-1661

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>):

Kings Basin

*36*33'07.52" N 119*39'52.18"W*

*36*35'10.03"N 119*34'08.20"W*

*36*40'58.56"N 119*34'13.26"W*

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:

Central Kings Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Coordination agreement with other GSA's in the Kings Basin

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

None

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.

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12/5/2022

Name of Authorized Representative

Signature

Date

General Manager

Consolidated Irrigation District

Title

Agency