



July 17, 2023

Phillip Desatoff
General Manager
Consolidated Irrigation District
2255 Chandler Street
Selma, CA 93662

RE: Executive Order N-7-23: Request for Proposed Activities to be Conducted Under Suspension

Dear Mr. Desatoff,

I am responding to your letter dated July 11, 2023, in which you request my determination that activities described in that letter are eligible to be conducted under a suspension of laws provided in paragraph 6 of Executive Order N-7-23 (May 17, 2023). Among other things, Executive Order N-7-23 suspends Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division under specified circumstances. Specifically, projects may operate under that suspension where the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency determines that the proposed activities are eligible to be conducted under this suspension, taking into account the purpose of conducting emergency flood preparation and response activities. In your letter, you describe certain activities that the Consolidated Irrigation District commits to undertaking to reduce impacts of catastrophic flooding, including constructing a groundwater recharge basin on 120 acres of district-owned land that is now planted in grape vines and nut trees. Your district anticipates that the proposed recharge basin would provide a minimum of 9,000 acre-feet of groundwater recharge during the current water year based on an assumed infiltration rate of 1.0 foot per day for approximately 90 days. Your district would construct a groundwater recharge basin and install temporary canal turnout facilities, grade the property and construct basin levees in order to divert floodwaters into the recharge basin from the Harlan Stevens Canal. The project will be phased to allow floodwater to be diverted onto a portion of the site while construction is completed on the remainder of the project.

Because the activities described in your letter will reduce the risks of local catastrophic flooding I find that this project (as more fully described in your letter which is attached here) is eligible to be conducted under Executive Order N-7-23.

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Please note that this suspension does not alter any other requirements imposed by any other law, and any material modification of or departure from the project described in your letter may independently trigger obligations under Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) of the Public Resources Code and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wade Crowfoot". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Wade Crowfoot
Secretary for Natural Resources