

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To:	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	From:	Department of Water Resources Water Management 1516 9 th Street Sacramento, California 95814
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Subject	Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with § 21108 of the Public Resource Code
Project Title	Department of Water Resources Conveyance of up to 7,000 acre-feet of Central Valley Project Water to Kern County Water Agency. (SWPAO #22022)
State Clearinghouse Number(s)	SCH #2011061057
Lead Agency	San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority P.O. Box 2115 Los Banos, CA 93635 Steve Chedester 209-827-8616
Project Location (include county)	Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) is a State Water Project contractor located in Kern County. The State Water Project (SWP) includes facilities located throughout the State of California, including existing facilities that allow for delivery of water to KCWA service areas which includes member unit, Semitropic Water Storage District (SWSD). DWR's conveyance of Central Valley Project (CVP) water under this project takes place from O'Neill Forebay to KCWA's turnout(s) within Reaches 10A, 12E, and 13B via the California Aqueduct.
Project Description	DWR will convey up to 7,000 acre-feet of Non-Project Water to KCWA. This Non-Project Water is San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority's (Exchange Contractors) 2022 CVP water and will be made available by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to DWR at O'Neill Forebay for subsequent delivery by DWR to KCWA's turnout(s), on behalf of its member unit, Semitropic Water Storage District (SWSD), for use in its service area within the CVP place of use. The delivery of Non-Project Water under this project shall be completed by February 28, 2023.
Determination	This is to advise that DWR, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 2, 2022 and has made the following determinations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. 2. Pursuant to CEQA, Exchange Contractors, as the lead public agency, jointly with the Bureau of Reclamation, prepared the Final

	<p>Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIR/EIS), dated January 28, 2013, for the Water Transfer Program for the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, 2014-2038. DWR independently reviewed and considered this environmental documentation prior to approving this project. The project is within the scope of the Final EIR/EIS and no additional environmental review is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15162.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Mitigation measures, as described in the Final EIR/EIS, were made a condition of approval of the Water Transfer Program for the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, 2014-2038. The Exchange Contractors, as the lead agency, are responsible for the implementation of the mitigation measures.4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.5. Findings were not made by DWR pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. <p>DWR's decision and determination are based on the documents described herein, which are available for review at the office of San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, 541 H Street, Los Banos, CA 93635.</p>
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<p>Signature:</p> <p><u>John Leahigh</u></p> <p>John Leahigh Assistant Division Manager, Water Management Division of Operations and Maintenance</p>	<p>Date:</p> <p><u>9/6/2022</u></p>
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