

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	Conveyance of Non-Project Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWP #23031)
State Clearinghouse Number(s)	SCH #20110611057
Lead Agency	San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority
Project Location (include county)	From O'Neill Forebay to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) in Reaches 12E and 13B of the California Aqueduct; Kern County
Project Description	This project is for the conveyance of up to 20,000 acre-feet of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority's 2023 CVP water (Non-Project Water) to KCWA under Article 55 of KCWA's Water Supply Contract with DWR. This Non-Project Water will be delivered to Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, a member unit of KCWA, which lies within both the SWP and CVP places of use. This Non-Project Water will be made available by the United States Bureau of Reclamation to DWR at O'Neill Forebay for subsequent delivery by DWR to KCWA's service area through December 31, 2023.
Determination	<p>This is to advise that DWR, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 29, 2023 and has made the following determinations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. 2. Pursuant to CEQA, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, as the lead public agency, prepared an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement jointly with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for this project. DWR independently reviewed and considered this environmental documentation prior to approving the project. The project is within the scope of the Final EIR/EIS and no additional environmental review is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15162. 3. Mitigation measures, as described in Chapter 14 of the Final EIR/EIS (SCH 2011061057), were made a condition of the approval of the project. San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water

	<p>Authority, as the lead agency, is responsible for the implementation of the mitigation measures.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by DWR 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: _____ <i>John Leahigh</i></p> <p>John Leahigh Assistant Division Manager, Water Management Division of Operations and Maintenance State Water Project</p>	<p>Date: _____ 9/29/2023</p>
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