

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Department of Water Resources
State Water Project Analysis Office
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1620
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with § 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Department of Water Resources Conveyance of up to 7,740 acre-feet of Central Valley Project Water to Kern County Water Agency. (SWPAO #20012)

State Clearinghouse Number: 2011061057

Lead Agency: Kern County Water Agency
PO Box 58
Bakersfield, CA 93302

Project Location: 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: Under the proposed project, DWR will convey up to 7,740 acre-feet of Non-Project Water to KCWA. This Non-Project Water is San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority's (Exchange Contractors) 2020 Central Valley Project (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 December 31, 2020.

This is to advise that the California Department of Water Resources, as a Responsible Agency, has approved the above described project on June 3, 2020 and has made the following determinations:

1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Pursuant to CEQA, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, as a lead public agency, prepared an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement jointly with the Bureau of Reclamation for this project. DWR independently reviewed and considered this environmental documentation prior to approving the project.
3. Based on the analysis provided in the DWR Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan, GHG emissions associated with the movement of water through the State Water Project will not constitute a cumulatively considerable contribution to atmospheric levels of GHG emissions and are therefore, less than significant.

4. Findings were not made by DWR pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081.
5. Mitigation measures as described in Section 14.3.1 of Chapter 14 of the Final EIR/EIS (SCH 2011061057), **were** made a condition of the approval of the project. The Exchange Contractors, as the lead agency, will be responsible for the mitigation measures.
6. A statement of Overriding Considerations **was** adopted by San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, for this project.

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

Responsible Agency Contact Person: David Rizzardo, 916 653-9593

Signature: Pedro Villalobos **Date:** 6/3/2020
Pedro Villalobos

Title: Chief, State Water Project Analysis Office
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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