

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: Amendment to the letter agreement between California Department of Water Resources and Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #20012) for an additional conveyance of up to 754 acre-feet of Central Valley Project Water to Kern County Water Agency. (SWPAO #20012-A)

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: The original letter agreement (SWPAO #20012) between DWR and KCWA, executed on June 3, 2020, allows the conveyance of up to 7,740 acre-feet of CVP water to KCWA. This amendment (SWPAO #20012-A) increases the amount of the CVP water to be delivered to KCWA from up to 7,740 acre-feet to up to up to 8,484 acre-feet. This non-Project Water is the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority's (Exchange Contractors) 2020 CVP water. The United States Bureau of Reclamation will make the CVP water available to DWR at O'Neill Forebay for DWR to deliver to KCWA's turnout(s), on behalf of KCWA's 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 July 24, 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, jointly with the Bureau of Reclamation, prepared the Final 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 amendment agreement (SWPAO #20012-A) is within the scope of

the Final EIR/EIS; the Final EIR/EIS adequately describes this project for the purposes of CEQA; and therefore no additional environmental documentation is required.

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.

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: 7/27/2020
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Title: Chief, State Water Project Analysis Office

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