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To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Kern County Water Agency  
P.O. Box 58  
Bakersfield, CA 93302-0058

Kern County Clerk  
1115 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**Project Title:** Agreement between the Kern County Water Agency (Agency), Dudley Ridge Water District (Dudley), Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) and California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for a multi-year exchange of Dudley's State Water Project (SWP) water and Irvine Ranch Water District's (Irvine Ranch) banked non-SWP water.

**Location -- Specific:** The Agency is a State Water Project (SWP) contractor located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Dudley is a SWP contractor located in Kings County. Irvine Ranch owns the Strand Ranch and Stockdale West Integrated Banking projects (Banking Projects) located in Kern County and is a member agency of Metropolitan located in Orange County. Metropolitan is a SWP contractor located in Los Angeles, California serving the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California.

**Location -- County:** Kern County.

**Description of Activity:** Dudley and Irvine Ranch entered into a multi-year exchange for up to 40,000 af of water. Dudley will transfer up to 40,000 af of its SWP water to Metropolitan on behalf of Irvine Ranch. In exchange, Irvine Ranch will deliver up to 40,000 af of water to Dudley by one of three means: recovery of banked non-SWP water from their Banking Projects to Dudley landowners within Kern County, exchange of Irvine Ranch's banked non-SWP water for the Agency's SWP water for delivery to Dudley or by recovery of Irvine Ranch's non-SWP water for pump-in to the California Aqueduct for delivery to Metropolitan, in which DWR will deliver Metropolitan's SWP water to Dudley by exchange.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity:** Agency (Lead Agency).

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministeriale
- Declared Emergencye
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** State type and section number: See CEQA Guideline 15301(b).
- Statutory Exemption.** State code number: See CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)3.

CEQA Guideline Section 15301(b) provides that a lead agency may determine an activity to be exempt from CEQA in that it utilizes only existing facilities. This transaction is entirely within the Agency's service area, and exclusively utilizes existing facilities.

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Transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Kern County, California, on 12/5/19 and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code

CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)3 provides that a Lead Agency may determine an activity to be exempt based on a general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have a potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The Agency finds that approval of the proposed water transfer has no possibility of significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

- 1.e The proposed action consists of a one-time water transfer that will use existing facilities and would not require any construction or grading.e
- 2.e The proposed action does not constitute a new permanent source of water supply and will not result in any growth inducing or cumulative environmental impacts.e
- 3.e There will be no change in land use.e

Irvine Ranch's Banking Projects were evaluated for environmental impacts under the Stockdale Integrated Banking Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH #2013091076) and the Strand Ranch Integrated Banking Project Draft EIR (SCH #2007041080). Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (Rosedale), as the Lead Agency for the Stockdale Integrated Banking Project, filed a Notice of Determination on December 16, 2015. Rosedale, as the Lead Agency for the Strand Ranch Integrated Banking Project, filed a Notice of Determination on May 29, 2008.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Holly Melton

**Telephone:** (661) 634-1400

**Signature:**



**Holly Melton**

**Title:** Water Resources Manager

**Date:** 12/3/2019

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing by County Clerk:

Signed by Applicant

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# 2019 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 12/5/2019
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Kern		DOCUMENT NUMBER 15588

PROJECT TITLE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY, DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT, METROPOLITAN WATER

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER ( 661 ) 634-1400
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 3200 RIO MIRADA DR	CITY BAKERSFIELD	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93308

PROJECT APPLICANT (check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

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|---|------------|----|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$3,271.00 | \$ |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)   | \$2,354.75 | \$ | 0.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)  | \$1,112.00 | \$ | 0.00  |
| <br>  |            |    |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee  |            |    |       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)  |            |    |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  |            |    |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)                   |            |    |       |
| <hr/>   |            |    |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00   | \$ |       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |            | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |            | \$ |       |

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

- Cash    
  Credit    
  Check    
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 100.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE E. DEL VILLAR, KERN COUNTY CLERK, ACCOUNTANT 2
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