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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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) and California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for Delivery of Central Valley Project (CVP) Cross Valley Canal (CVC) water to Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (Wheeler Ridge).

Location -- Specific: The Agency is a State Water Project (SWP) contractor located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Wheeler Ridge contracts for SWP water through the Agency and is in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California. Pixley Irrigation District (Pixley) and Lower Tule River Irrigation District (Lower Tule) are located in Tulare County.

Location -- County: Kern County.

Description of Activity: In 2019 and 2020, Pixley will transfer up to 1,500 acre-feet (af) and Lower Tule will transfer up to 8,500 af of 2019-2020 CVP CVC water to the Agency for delivery to Wheeler Ridge from California Aqueduct turnouts located in the Agency's service area.

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

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- 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 transfer involves delivery water entirely within the Agency's service area, and exclusively utilizes existing facilities. Additionally, 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. The proposed action consists of a one-time water transfer that will only be existing after, Pursuant to Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code


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- facilities and would not require any construction or grading.
2. 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.
 3. There will be no change in land use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Holly Melton

Telephone: (661) 634-1400

Signature:  **Title:** Water Resources Manager **Date:** 12/13/2019
Holly Melton

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing by County Clerk:

Signed by Applicant



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2019 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/02/19) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 15 — 12162019 — 15142100
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 12/16/2019
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Kern	DOCUMENT NUMBER 15713	

PROJECT TITLE
 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY AND CA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR DELIVER

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (661) 634-1400
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS P.O. BOX 58	CITY BAKERSFIELD	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93302

PROJECT APPLICANT (check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<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
<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)			
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<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 \$ _____ 50.00

SIGNATURE <i>X M. Hernandez</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE M. HERNANDEZ, KERN COUNTY CLERK, FST
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Transmittal Memorandum



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Attach one transmittal memorandum to the front of the original CEQA document. Clip copies in back.
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CITY Bakersfield STATE CA ZIP CODE 93302-0058

WORK ORDER # N/A 30-Day Posting 35-Day Posting 45-Day Posting Other _____

CONTACT PERSON Monica Tennant PHONE NUMBER (661) 634-1419

CHECK DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Availability.....No Fee
- Notice of Intent.....No Fee
- Notice of Preparation.....No Fee
- Notice of Public Hearing.....No Fee
- Other Notice of DeterminationNo Fee
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR).....\$3271.00
 - Previously paid F&W (must attach F&W receipt) F&W Receipt Number# _____
 - DFG No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached).....No Fee
 - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00
- Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration.....\$2354.75
 - Previously paid F&W (must attach F&W receipt) F&W Receipt Number# _____
 - DFG No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached).....No Fee
 - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00
- Notice of Exemption.....No Fee
 - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00

TOTAL \$ 50.00

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- JV - Trans Code _____ Dept _____ Fund _____ Expense Key _____
- Money Order
- Check

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