

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH # 2020049019

Project Title: Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project

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 City: Bakersfield, CA Zip: 93390-0820 County: Kern

Project Location: County: Kern City/Nearest Community: Rosedale, CA
 Cross Streets: Stockdale Hwy and Enos Lane (Hwy 43) Zip Code: 93314
 Lat. / Long. (degrees, minutes, and seconds): ° 35°21'16" N/ 119°15'8" W Total Acres: up to 1,280
 Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-5, 43, 58, 119, 99, 65 Waterways: Kern River, Rosedale West Intake Canal, Central Intake Canal, Cross Valley Canal, Goose Lake Slough, California Aqueduct Airports _____ Railways: San Joaquin Valley Railroad
 Schools: Rio Bravo-Greeley School, Centennial Elementary, Del Rio Elementary

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other: _____
 Mit Neg Dec Other CEQA-Plus FONSI **County Office of Planning & Research**

Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: Easement

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees 0
 Educational _____
 Recreational _____
 Water Facilities: Type conveyance, recharge, and recovery MGD _____ Other: _____
 Transportation: Type _____
 Mining: Mineral _____
 Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: _____
 Other Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Various

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

This Notice of Availability (NOA) has been prepared to notify responsible and trustee agencies, interested organizations, and interested parties that the Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority (Authority), as the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project (proposed project) that is available for review and comment. The Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and Irvine Ranch Water District have formed the Authority for the purpose of developing, constructing and operating the proposed project. The Draft EIR was prepared to comply with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines and to provide agencies and the public with information on the potential

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significant environmental impacts of the proposed project, recommended mitigation measures to reduce or avoid those environmental effects, and the analysis of alternatives to the proposed project. In addition, the Draft EIR was prepared in accordance with the CEQA-Plus requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to fulfill the requirement of potential federal funding partners to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The proposed project would allow the Authority to more effectively manage sources of water supply available to Rosedale and IRWD by using available underground storage in the local San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin. To do that, the Authority would develop water recharge and recovery facilities in the Kern Fan area of Kern County, California. The proposed project would recharge, store, recover and deliver: State Water Project (SWP) water, including Article 21 water; Central Valley Project (CVP) water, including Section 215 water; Kern River water available to the Authority through agreement(s) with existing right holders; and water from other sources, when available.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Region # 4 Central Region | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date October 16, 2020 Ending Date November 30, 2020

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