

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Henry Miller Water District
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Project Title:

Henry Miller Water District 2020 Water Transfer (“2020 Transfer”)

Project Location:

The water (“Water”) that is the subject of the Henry Miller Water District 2020 Transfer is located in the San Luis Reservoir, and/or ancillary and/or related facilities. The Water will be transferred in place and delivered to lands within Berrenda Mesa Water District.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the 2020 Transfer is for Henry Miller Water District (“Henry Miller”) to provide Berrenda Mesa Water District with up 2,200 acre-feet of Henry Miller’s 2019 Kern River supply stored in the San Luis Reservoir via Kern County Water Agency ID4. The Water will be delivered to Berrenda Mesa Water District in 2020 upon a delivery schedule mutually agreeable to the parties. The point of delivery will be in the San Luis Reservoir. The transfer of water should reduce pumping within Berrenda Mesa Water District and is intended to help meet current demands within Berrenda Mesa Water District. The beneficiaries of the project are the landowners within Berrenda Mesa Water District, as well as the landowners within Henry Miller.

Public Agency Approving Project:

Henry Miller Water District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

Henry Miller Water District

Exempt Status:

Existing Facilities: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(b)

General Rule Exemption: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

California Code of Regulations Section 15301(b) (Class 1):

The Project is limited to the continued operation of existing structures with negligible or no expansion of use. The Project would not involve the construction of any new facilities but would utilize existing delivery facilities.

California Code of Regulations Section 15361(b)(3):

The primary component of the Project involves the exchange of water supplies between Henry Miller and Berrenda Mesa Water District. The transfer will be an in-place transfer and the point of delivery will be in the San Luis Reservoir. The transfer of Water should reduce pumping within Berrenda Mesa Water District and should not require Henry Miller to pump additional groundwater as its landowners have reduced the irrigable acreage in Henry Miller this year and much of the remaining permanent crops require minimal irrigation this year.

In light of the foregoing, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed Project has the potential to have a significant adverse effect on the environment. As such, the proposed Project is exempt for CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

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