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PROJECT TITLE Delivery of Tulare Irrigation District's 2020 CVP Friant Recirculation Water to the Kern County Water Agency for delivery to its Member Unit, Belridge Water Storage District.

PROJECT APPLICANT Kern County Water Agency

PHONE NUMBER ( 661 ) 634-1400

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS P.O. Box 58

CITY Bakersfield STATE CA ZIP CODE 93302-0058

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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**From:** Kern County Water Agency  
PO Box 58  
Bakersfield, CA 93302-0058

Kern County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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) Friant Recirculation water to Belridge Water Storage District (Belridge).

**Location -- Specific:** The Agency is a State Water Project (SWP) contractor located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Belridge contracts for SWP water through the Agency and is in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Tulare Irrigation District (Tulare) is a CVP contractor located in Tulare County. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California.

**Location -- County:** Kern and Tulare Counties.

**Description of Activity:** In 2020, Tulare will transfer up to 2,000 acre-feet of 2020 CVP Friant Recirculation water to the Agency for delivery to Belridge 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 use existing 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:**   
Holly Melton

**Title:** Water Resources Manager

**Date:** 08/20/2020

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing by County Clerk:

Signed by Applicant

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