

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Conveyance of up to 1,695 acre-feet of 2020 Central Valley Project Cross Valley Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #20025-A)

Location – Specific: From O’Neill Forebay and/or Banks Pumping Plant to Kern County Water Agency’s (KCWA) turnout(s) located within Reaches 9A through 16A of the California Aqueduct

Location – County: Kern County

Description of Activity: SWPAO #20025-A amends the Letter Agreement between KCWA and the Department of Water Resources of the State of California (DWR) executed on September 3, 2020 (SWPAO #20025).

SWPAO #20025 approved the conveyance up to 1,695 acre-feet of 2020 Central Valley Project (CVP) Cross Valley Canal water (Non-Project Water) to KCWA. KCWA’s member unit, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRMWS), acquired this CVP water from Pixley Irrigation District. The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) would make the Non-Project Water available to DWR at O’Neill Forebay for DWR to deliver to KCWA. KCWA requested that this Non-Project Water be delivered to KCWA under Article 55 of its Water Supply Contract with DWR.

On September 11, 2020, KCWA requested DWR’s approval to also take delivery of the Non-Project Water from Banks Pumping Plant. SWPAO #20025-A amends SWPAO #20025 by adding Banks Pumping Plant as a point where the Non-Project Water will be made available to DWR by Reclamation, in addition to O’Neill Forebay, for subsequent delivery to KCWA’s turnout(s).

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: WRMWS (lead agency), KCWA, and DWR (responsible agency)

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility
- Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729

Reason why activity is exempt:

- a. State Water Project long-term water supply contract includes provisions for conveyance of non-project water to SWP contractors.
- b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery.
- c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed change in points of delivery.
- d. There will be no change in land use.

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