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From: Kern County Water Agency
3200 Rio Mirada Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93308
BY: W.H. DEPUTY
AGENCY B. BEDARD
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To: Kern County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Project Title: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District's (Rosedale) exchange up to 20,000 acre-feet (af) of Kern River water for Improvement District No. 4 (ID4) of the Kern County Water Agency's (Agency) 2022 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water and/or previously banked SWP water.

Location -- Specific: Rosedale is a Member Unit of the Agency and holds a contract with the City of Bakersfield for Kern River water. ID4 receives SWP water under the Agency's SWP contract. Both districts are located in Kern County in the Southern San Joaquin Valley. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is headquartered in Sacramento, California.

Location -- County: Kern County.

Description of Activity: ID4 will exchange up to 20,000 af of 2022 SWP Table A water and/or previously banked SWP water with Rosedale for an equal amount of Kern River water. The SWP water will be delivered to Rosedale at Reach 12E and/or 13B on the California Aqueduct or at other mutually agreeable locations. The Kern River water will be delivered to ID4 into the Calloway Pool of the Kern River or at other mutually agreeable locations. The exchange of ID4's SWP Table A water for Rosedale's Kern River water will facilitate in-district delivery of Rosedale's water and provide ID4 an economic benefit by foregoing pumping lifts through the Cross Valley Canal. All other mutually agreeable locations are located within the Kern groundwater basin so that the total water supply to Kern County is not diminished. There is no construction, land use change, or modification to existing facilities; no new lands will be brought into production as a result of the exchange.

Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Rosedale and ID4.


Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** State type and section number: See CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b).
- Statutory Exemption.**

CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) provides that a lead agency may determine an activity to be exempt from CEQA in that it utilizes only existing facilities. This exchange involves project water within the Agency's Water Supply Contract with DWR, all deliveries occur entirely within the SWP place of use and exclusively utilizes existing facilities.

Lead Agency Contact Person: David R. Beard

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Signature: 

Title: ID4 Manager

Date: 4/28/2022

David R. Beard

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing OPR:

Date received for filing by County Clerk:
