

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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From:
Public Agency: North Kern Water Storage District
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Lead Agency (if different from above):
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2022070371

Project Title: Landowner Groundwater Recharge and Banking Project

Project Applicant: North Kern Water Storage District (District)

Project Location (include county): Kern County, California

Project Description:

Landowners desire to establish a groundwater banking account that provides a reliable source of water and the flexibility to use that supply to support their agricultural activities. To this end, the District desires to establish a joint landowner groundwater banking program to incentivize landowners to share their privately-owned recharge facilities to increase in-district recharge capacity. Potential sources of water available to recharge in shared facilities would be similar to surface water sources available to the District, including Kern River, CVP, and SWP. Groundwater banking would generally occur in wetter years when there would be surplus surface water supplies available.

This is to advise that the North Kern Water Storage District has approved the above (X) Lead Agency or () Responsible Agency

described project on (date) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project () will (X) will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. () An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. (X) A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures (X) were () were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan (X) was () was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations () was (X) was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings () were (X) were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

https://www.northkernwsd.com/projects/

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: General Manager

Date: 9/20/2022 Date Received for filing at OPR: