

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Kern
1115 Truxton Ave
Bakersfield CA 93301

From: (Public Agency): North Kern Water Storage District
33380 Cawelo Extended
Bakersfield, CA 93308
(Address)

Project Title: North Kern WSD 3

Project Applicant: Wright Field Solar, LLC

Project Location - Specific:
APN 073-190-22 located approx 1 mi west of SR 99 and north of Kimberlina Road

Project Location - City: Bakersfield Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Project proposed to develop a 5-MW solar PV facility on a 50 ac portion of an approximately 62-acre Project site comprised of previously disturbed land in unincorporated Kern County, CA. The solar facility is accessory to the existing water storage land use and would generate renewable energy that would offset the District's energy usage from PG&E under the Renewable Energy Self-Generating Bill Credit Transfer Program tariff. The Solar Facility is anticipated to generate power for 35 years or more, and will provide a new source of renewable energy that will offset the electrical demand of the existing facility that would have otherwise been generated by electrical generation using coal or other fossil fuels. The facility will also assist the State in achieving or exceeding its energy storage mandate (AB 2514), and help in achieving or exceeding its Renewable Portfolio Standard, SB 350, SB 100, and the CA Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) and greenhouse gas emissions reduction objectives by developing and constructing new California RPS-qualified, solar power generation facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: North Kern Water Storage District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: North Kern Water Storage District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 § 15301/Class 3 § 15303
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is accessory to the existing land use owned and operated by the District to provide specialized water services to agricultural customers for agricultural uses along with providing groundwater banking and storage within the Rosedale spreading basins. The project involves no expansion of use. The new equipment will be installed on an area of the facility that is previously disturbed. It is highly unlikely that the installation of the PV solar array will create environmental impacts

Lead Agency
Contact Person: David Hampton Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-393-2696

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/22/2023 Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: