

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Emergency Delivery of State Water Project Water through Berrenda Mesa Water District's Facilities to Bypass Devil's Den Pumping Plant due to Unplanned Outage

Project Applicant: Central Coast Water Authority.

Location – Specific: Existing State Water Project (SWP) and Berrenda Mesa Water District facilities in Kern County to existing turnouts in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Temporary delivery of approximately 18 cubic feet per second (cfs) of State Water Project water (SWP Water) through Berrenda Mesa's facilities at Kern County Water Agency turnouts on the Coastal Branch of the California Aqueduct (Coastal Branch) in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties while DDPP undergoes repairs for damage sustained in a fire. Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) operates the Coastal Branch for the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). This bypass will ensure uninterrupted delivery of SWP Water to meet critical water demand to Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties until adequate pumping capacity is reestablished at DDPP to meet normal demand.

The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California. The SWP is owned and operated by DWR, headquartered in Sacramento, California. Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is the SWP contractor for Santa Barbara County, San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is the SWP contractor for San Luis Obispo County, and Kern County Water Agency is the SWP contractor for Kern County. CCWA has assumed responsibility for the acquisition, conveyance and delivery of SWP Water to Santa Barbara County and CCWA's service area is located in Santa Barbara County. Berrenda Mesa Water District is located in Kern County within the service area of the Kern County Water Agency.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CCWA. Other approving agencies include: DWR, Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Kern County Water Agency, and Berrenda Mesa Water District.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Central Coast Water Authority

