

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Lead Agency/Applicant Name:

Kern-Tulare Water District
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Project Title: Warren Act Contract designated as Contract No. 24-WC-20-6202

Location -- Specific: Within the boundaries of the Kern-Tulare Water District, Delta-Mendota Canal, San Luis Reservoir, California Aqueduct, Cross Valley Canal and Friant Kern Canal.

Location -- County: Kern and Tulare County

Description of Activity: Kern-Tulare enter into contract with the United States of America for a Warren Act Contract to deliver Non-Project water in Federal facilities.

Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Kern-Tulare Water District

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** State type and section number: Guidelines sections 15301 and 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemption.** Public Resources Code section 21080.21 and CEQA Guidelines section 15282(k)

The Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15301 and 15061(b)(3) and finds the Agreement is categorically exempt and will not have a significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulation ("CEQA Guidelines) Section 15301 and 15061(b)(3). KTWD finds that the Agreement is exempt under the Class 1 exemption pursuant to Section 15301 because it constitutes a continued use of existing facilities, with no expansion of use and is undertaken pursuant to the terms of KTWD's and Reclamation's existing water supply contracts. The Agreement is a water management operation using only existing facilities and existing water supplies, and will not support new development or a change in land use. The Agreement does not establish a new permanent source of water supply. For these reasons it can also be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, and the Agreement is thus exempt under Section 15061(b)(3).

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Signature:  **Title:** General Manager **Date:** 3/19/2024
Skye B. Grass

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing OPR:

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