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LEAD AGENCY Kern County Water Agency

PROJECT TITLE Common Landowner Transfer of up to 4,000 acre-feet of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's 2024 State Water Project Water to the Kern County Water Agency on behalf of Lost Hills Water District and Berrenda Mesa Water District.

PROJECT APPLICANT Kern County Water Agency

PHONE NUMBER (661) 634-1400

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS: 3200 Rio Mirada Drive

CITY Bakersfield STATE CA ZIP CODE 93308

WORK ORDER # \_\_\_\_\_  30-Day Posting  35-Day Posting  45-Day Posting  Other \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON Courtney Pasquini PHONE NUMBER (661) 634-1491

CHECK DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Availability.....No Fee
- Notice of Intent.....No Fee
- Notice of Preparation.....No Fee
- Notice of Public Hearing.....No Fee
- Other \_\_\_\_\_.....No Fee
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR).....\$4051.25
  - Previously paid F&W (must attach F&W receipt) F&W Receipt Number# \_\_\_\_\_
  - DFG No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached).....No Fee
  - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00
- Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration.....\$2916.75
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  - DFG No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached).....No Fee
  - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00
- Notice of Exemption.....No Fee
  - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00

TOTAL \$ 50.00

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Notice of Environmental Document  
Posted by County Clerk on 06/07/2024  
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to  
Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code

24969

Kern County Clerk  
1115 Truxtun Ave  
Bakersfield CA 93301  
(661) 868-3588

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**\$50.00**

**Total** **\$50.00**

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Kern County Water Agency  
3200 Rio Mirada Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93308-4944

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1115 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

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AUDITOR CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK  
BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY

**Project Title:** Common Landowner Transfer of up to 4,000 acre-feet (af) of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's (Tulare Lake) 2024 State Water Project (SWP) Water to the Kern County Water Agency (Agency) on behalf of Lost Hills Water District (Lost Hills) and Berrenda Mesa Water District (Berrenda Mesa).

**Location -- Specific:** The Agency is a SWP contractor located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Lost Hills contracts for SWP water through the Agency and is in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California. Tulare Lake is a SWP contractor located in Tulare County.

**Location -- County:** Kern and Tulare Counties.

**Description of Activity:** In 2024, Tulare Lake will transfer up to 4,000 af of its 2024 SWP water to the Agency for delivery to Lost Hills and Berrenda Mesa from California Aqueduct turnouts located in the Agency's service area.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity:** Agency (Lead Agency).

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** State type and section number: Existing Facilities, CEQA Guidelines section 15301(b).
- Statutory Exemption.** State code number: CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

CEQA Guidelines section 15301(b) provides that a lead agency may determine an activity to be exempt from CEQA in that it utilizes only existing facilities. Additionally, CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) provides that a Lead Agency may determine an activity to be exempt based on a general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have a potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The Agency finds that approval of the proposed water transfer has no possibility of significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

1. The proposed action consists of a one-time water transfer that will use existing facilities and would not require any construction or grading.

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2. The proposed action does not constitute a new permanent source of water supply and will not result in any growth inducing or cumulative environmental impacts.
3. There will be no change in land use.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Lauren Bauer

**Telephone:** (661) 634-1411

**Signature:**   
**Lauren Bauer**

**Title:** Water Resources Manager

**Date:** 6/07/2024

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing by County Clerk:

Signed by Applicant

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 15 — 06072024 — 15150798  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY <b>KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY</b>	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE <b>6/7/2024</b>
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING <b>Kern</b>	DOCUMENT NUMBER <b>24969</b>	

PROJECT TITLE  
 COMMON LANDOWNER TRANSFER UP TO 4,000 ACRE-FEET OF TULARE LAKE BASIN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT'S 2024 STATE WATER PROJECT WATER TO THE KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY ON BEHALF OF LOST HILLS WATER DISTRICT AND BERRENDA MESA WATER DISTRICT.

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME <b>KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY</b>	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER <b>(661) 634-1400</b>
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS <b>3200 RIO MIRADA DRIVE</b>	CITY <b>BAKERSFIELD</b>	STATE <b>CA</b>
		ZIP CODE <b>93308</b>

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency     School District     Other Special District     State Agency     Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	<u>50.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	<u>          </u>

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TOTAL RECEIVED    \$    50.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE <b>M. CEDENO, KERN COUNTY CLERK, FST</b>
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