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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

LEAD AGENCY Kern County Water Agency

PROJECT TITLE Transfer of up to 500 acre-feet of Hills Valley Irrigation District's 2024 Central Valley Project Cross Valley Canal water to the Kern County Water Agency on behalf of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage 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
  - 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
- Notice of Exemption.....No Fee
  - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00

TOTAL \$ 50.00

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PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

- JV - Trans Code \_\_\_\_\_ Dept \_\_\_\_\_ Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Expense Key \_\_\_\_\_
- Money Order
- Check

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Notice of Environmental Document  
Posted by County Clerk on 10/25/2024  
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to  
Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code

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

CEQA  
County Clerk Fee  
#25243

1 @ \$50.00  
**\$50.00**

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

Check #131280 \$50.00

Change \$0.00

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OCT 25 2024

AMEE K. ESTINOZA  
AUDITOR CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK  
BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY

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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

Kern County Clerk  
1115 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**Project Title:** Transfer of up to 500 acre-feet (af) of Hills Valley Irrigation District's (Hills Valley) 2024 Central Valley Project (CVP) Cross Valley Canal (CVC) water to the Kern County Water Agency (Agency) on behalf of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (Wheeler Ridge).

**Location -- Specific:** The Agency is a SWP contractor located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Wheeler Ridge 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. Hills Valley is a CVP contractor located in Fresno and Tulare Counties.

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

**Description of Activity:** In 2024, Hills Valley will transfer up to 500 af of its 2024 CVP-CVC water to the Agency for delivery to Wheeler Ridge 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: See CEQA Guideline 15301(b).
- Statutory Exemption.** State code number: See CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)3.

CEQA Guideline Section 15301(b) provides that a lead agency may determine an activity to be exempt from CEQA in that it utilizes only existing facilities. This transfer involves delivery water entirely within the Agency's service area, and exclusively utilizes existing facilities. Additionally, CEQA Guideline 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:** 10/24/24

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 — 10252024 — 15151035  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/25/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Kern	DOCUMENT NUMBER 25243	

PROJECT TITLE  
**TRANSFER OF UP TO 500 ACRE-FEET OF HILLS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S 2024 CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

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

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

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

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash     Credit     Check     Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50.00

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