

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Tulare

221 S. Mooney Blvd.

Visalia, CA 93291

From: (Public Agency): Kern-Tulare Water District

5001 California Ave, Suite 102

Bakersfield, CA 93309

(Address)

Project Title: Annexation 8 and Sphere of Influence Amendment

Project Applicant: Kern-Tulare Water District

Project Location - Specific:

340-070-016

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Tulare County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Annexation of parcels to Kern-Tulare Water District and corresponding adjustment to District Sphere of Influence.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Kern-Tulare Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kern-Tulare Water 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: CEQA Guidelines sections 15320, 15061(b)(3)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The actions described herein are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines section 15320, which provides for a categorical exemption for changes in organization of local agencies, as well as the "common sense" exemption per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). This is because Public Resources Code section 15320 provides for a categorical exemption for changes in organization of local agencies that do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised; here the Land is not provided water service and detachment will not change the exercise of existing District powers in that geographical area. In addition, CEQA's common sense exemption applies "[w]here it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment (CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).) The actions merely change District boundaries and do not change the geographic territory that receives District surface water service. The actions will not result in the extension of any new services that could result in environmental effects.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Skye B. Grass

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 6613273132

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: *Skye B. Grass* Date: 11/15/2024 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: _____