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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

LEAD AGENCY Kern County Water Agency

PROJECT TITLE Transfer of up to 10,000 acre-feet of Westlands Water District's 2024-2025 Central Valley Project water to the Kern County Water Agency on behalf of Belridge Water Storage District. **FILED**

PROJECT APPLICANT Kern County Water Agency **KERN COUNTY**

PHONE NUMBER (661) 634-1400 **FEB 27 2025**

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS: 3200 Rio Mirada Drive

CITY Bakersfield STATE CA ZIP CODE 93308
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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).....\$4123.50
 - 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.....\$2968.75
 - 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

*Additional copies to be returned to: see above address

*Method of return: Hold for pick-up/Call # _____ Interoffice Mail

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

- JV - Trans Code _____ Dept _____ Fund _____ Expense Key _____
- Money Order
- Check

Notice of Environmental Document
Posted by County Clerk on 02/25/2025
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to
Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code

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

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County Clerk Fee
#25496

1 @ \$50.000
\$50.00

Total

\$50.00

Check #132054

\$50.00

Change

\$0.00

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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 93318

FEB 27 2025

AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
AUDITOR CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK
BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY

Kern County Clerk
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Project Title: Transfer of up to 10,000 acre-feet (af) of Westlands Water District's (Westlands) 2024-2025 Central Valley Project (CVP) water to the Kern County Water Agency (Agency) on behalf of Belridge Water Storage District (Belridge).

Location -- Specific: The Agency is a SWP contractor located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Belridge 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. Westlands is a CVP contractor located in Fresno and Kings Counties.

Location -- County: Kern, Fresno and Kings Counties.

Description of Activity: In 2025, Westlands will transfer up to 10,000 af of its 2024-2025 CVP water to the Agency for delivery to Belridge from California Aqueduct turnouts located in the Agency's service area.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Agency (Lead Agency), DWR and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

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) 634-1400

Signature: 
Lauren Bauer

Title: Water Resources Manager

Date: 02/26/2025

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing by County Clerk:

Signed by Applicant



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 15 — 02272025 — 15151264
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 2/27/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Kern	DOCUMENT NUMBER 25496	

PROJECT TITLE
 TRANSFER OF UP TO 10,000 ACRE-FEET OF WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT'S 2024-2025 CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT WATER TO THE KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY ON BEHALF OF BELRIDGE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT.

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) \$4,123.50 \$ _____ 0.00
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,968.75 \$ _____ 0.00
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,401.75 \$ _____ 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 \$ _____ 0.00**

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE M. CEDENO, KERN COUNTY CLERK, FSS
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