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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

LEAD AGENCY Kern County Water Agency

PROJECT TITLE Kern County Water Agency Exchange of up to 53,300 acre-feet in 2025 and 2026 of its State Water Project Table A water for Kern-Tulare Water District's Central Valley Project water.

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).....\$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  
Original Environmental Document  
Posted by County Clerk on 04-28-25  
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to  
Section 21152(C), Public Resources C

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

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**County Clerk Fee**  
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1 @ \$50.00  
**\$50.00**

**Total**

**\$50.00**

Check #132454

\$50.00

Change

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KERN COUNTY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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  
AMIE X. ESPINOZA  
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER COUNTY CLERK  
DEPUTY

Kern County Clerk  
1115 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**Project Title:** Kern County Water Agency (Agency) Exchange of up to 53,300 acre-feet (af) in 2025 and 2026 of its State Water Project (SWP) Table A water for Kern-Tulare Water District's (KTWD) Central Valley Project (CVP) water.

**Location -- Specific:** The Agency is a SWP contractor located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. KTWD is a CVP contractor located in Kern and Tulare Counties in the southern San Joaquin Valley. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is headquartered in Sacramento, California.

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

**Description of Activity:** The Agency will exchange up to 53,300 af in 2025 and 2026 of its SWP Table A water for KTWD's CVP water for the purpose of facilitating in-district delivery of KTWD's CVP water. There is no construction, land use change, or modification to existing facilities; no new lands will be brought into production as a result of the requested exchange.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity:** KCWA (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:

Notice of Environmental Document  
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Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code

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

**Title:** Water Resources Manager

**Date:** 04/23/2025

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  
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 15 — 04282025 — 15151414  
 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>4/28/2025</b>
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING <b>Kern</b>	DOCUMENT NUMBER <b>25661</b>	

PROJECT TITLE  
**KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY EXCHANGE OF UP TO 53,330 ACRE-FEET IN 2025 AND 2026 OF ITS STATE WATER PROJECT TABLE A WATER FOR KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT'S CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT WATER.**

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)	\$4,123.50	\$ _____	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$ _____	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$ _____	0.00
<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)			

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$ _____	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____	

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash     Credit     Check     Other

TOTAL RECEIVED    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b> <i>M.H</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE <b>M. HERNANDEZ, KERN COUNTY CLERK, FSS</b>
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