

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** California Department of Water Resources  
State Water Project Analysis Office  
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1620  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with § 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

**Project Title:** Department of Water Resources (DWR) conveyance of up to 15,000 acre-feet of Central Valley Project (CVP) water to Kern County Water Agency (KCWA). (SWPAO #19034)

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2011061/057

**Lead Agency:** San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority

**Project Location:** KCWA is a State Water Project contractor located in Kern County. The State Water Project (SWP) includes facilities located throughout the State of California, including existing facilities that allow for delivery of water to KCWA service areas which includes member unit, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water District (RRBWSD). The SWP is owned and operated by DWR; DWR is headquartered in Sacramento, California.

**Project Description:** DWR will convey up to 15,000 acre-feet of CVP water made available to DWR by United States Bureau of Reclamation at O'Neill Forebay. This CVP water is San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority's CVP water. This Non-Project water will be made available to RRBWSD via KCWA turnouts in Reaches 12E and 13B of the California Aqueduct. KCWA has requested that the Non-Project Water be delivered under Article 55 of KCWA's long-term Water Supply Contract with DWR.

This is to advise that the California Department of Water Resources, as a Responsible Agency, has approved the above described project on November 14, 2019 and has made the following determinations:


1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Pursuant to CEQA, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, as a lead public agency, prepared an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement jointly with the Bureau of Reclamation for this project. DWR independently reviewed and considered this environmental documentation prior to approving the project.
3. Based on the analysis provided in the DWR Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan, GHG emissions associated with the movement of water through the State Water Project will not constitute a cumulatively considerable contribution to atmospheric levels of GHG emissions and are therefore, less than significant.
4. Findings were not made by DWR pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081.

5. Mitigation measures as described in Chapter 14 of the Final EIR/EIS (SCH 2011061057), **were** made a condition of the approval of the project.
6. A statement of Overriding Considerations **was** adopted by San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, for this project.

DWR's decision and determination are based on the documents described herein, which are available for review at:

[https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_details.php?Project\\_ID=9086](https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_project_details.php?Project_ID=9086)

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