

Kern Fan Authority

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: Kern Fan Authority

PROJECT TITLE: Kern Fan Authority Integration Project

REVIEW PERIOD: October 29, 2019 through November 27, 2019

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Kern Fan Authority (KFA), as the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is proposing to implement the Kern Fan Authority Integration Project (Project) and has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND).

The KFA is comprised of four separate water districts in Kern County, California: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (Rosedale), Kern Delta Water District (Kern Delta), Henry Miller Water District (Henry Miller), and Buena Vista Water Storage District (Buena Vista). The member districts seek to integrate their water management activities to achieve more efficient operations and flexible response capabilities. Over the last decade, the member districts of the KFA have developed various water management and groundwater banking programs, and each has its own water conveyance, recharge, extraction, and storage infrastructure. By integrating their respective water management activities, Rosedale, Kern Delta, Henry Miller, and Buena Vista will be able to maximize their ability to exchange, transfer, recharge, recover, and operate individual water management activities as a single comprehensive program. This integration would create opportunities for the reciprocal use of facilities and infrastructure among the four members and would not require any new construction. In addition, this integration would be limited by the existing capacity and operational constraints of the individual programs of each agency.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed Project area includes the service areas of Kern Delta, Rosedale, Henry Miller, and Buena Vista (**Figure 1**).

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISCLOSURE: The existing facilities of the KFA member districts are not included on any lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5, which includes but is not limited to lists of hazardous waste facilities, properties, and disposal sites.

FINDINGS/ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Kern Fan Authority as the Lead Agency has prepared an Initial Study to provide the public and trustee and responsible agencies with information about the potential effects on the local and regional environment associated with the proposed Project. The IS/ND describes less than significant impacts to biological resources; geology, soils, and seismicity; greenhouse gas emissions; hydrology and water quality; and cumulatively considerable environmental effects. Effects found to have no environmental impacts are also described in the IS/ND. KFA has reviewed and considered the proposed Project and has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. KFA hereby proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for this project.

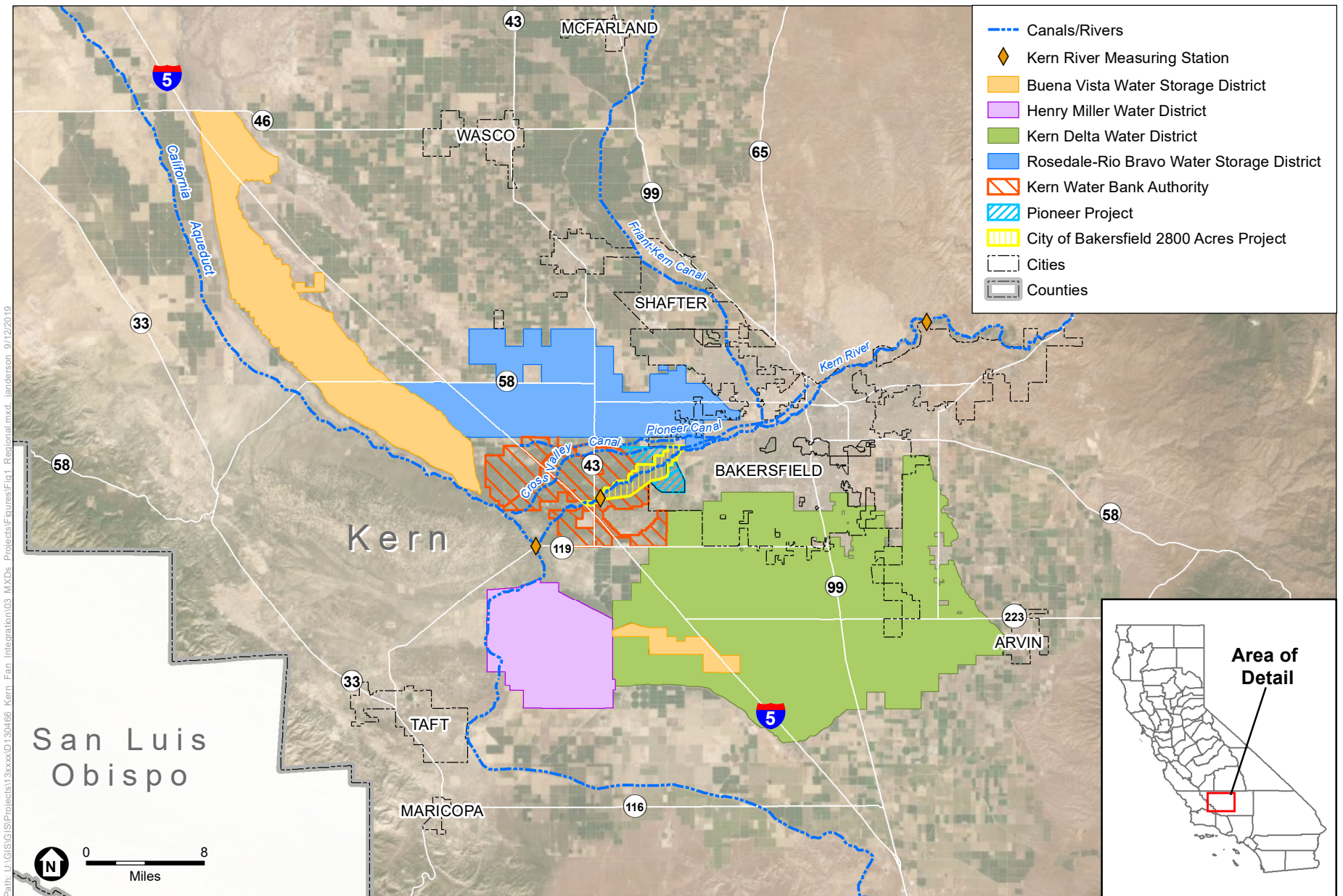
PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS: In accordance with the *State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act*, a 30-day public review period for the Negative Declaration will commence on October 29, 2019, and end November 27, 2019, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any comments concerning the finding of the proposed Negative Declaration must be received by the KFA by **4:00 PM on November 27, 2019** at the address below in order to be considered prior to the KFA Board of Director's final determination on the

proposed Project. Comments received during the public review period and responses to the comments will be included in the final environmental document. Copies of the Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for review as described below.

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PUBLIC MEETING: The Kern Fan Authority Board of Directors will consider the adoption of the Negative Declaration at a publicly scheduled meeting following the 30-day review period. For more information, contact the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District at the phone number listed above.



SOURCE: ESRI

Kern Fan Authority Integration
Figure 1
 Regional Location Map