

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research

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Kern County Clerk

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KERN COUNTY

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MARY B BEDARD

From: Kern County W -COUNTYCLERK

 P.O. Box 58 DEPUTY

Bakersfield, CA 93302-0058

Project Title: Agreement between the Kern County Water Agency (Agency), Palmdale Water District (Palmdale) and California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for Delivery of 2019 State Water Project (SWP) water to Semitropic Water Storage District (Semitropic) and Berrenda Mesa Water District (Berrenda Mesa).

Location -- Specific: The Agency is a State Water Project (SWP) contractor located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Semitropic and Berrenda Mesa contract for SWP water through the Agency and are in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. The S WP includes facilities located throughout the State of California.

Location -- County: Kern County.

Description of Activity: In 2019, Palmdale will transfer up to 15,000 acre-feet (af) of its 2019 SWP water to the Agency for delivery to Semitropic and Berrenda Mesa from California

Aqueduct turnouts located in the Agency's service area. In exchange, the Agency will return to Palmdale, based on an unbalanced exchange ratio of 2 to 1, up to 7,500 af of Semitropic and Berrenda Mesa's combined Table 1 water less applicable losses.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Agency (Lead Agency).

Exempt Status:

  Ministerial

  Declared Emergency

  Emergency Project

Ø Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: See CEQA Guideline 15301 (b). Ø 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 of 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:

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and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to

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.

### Telephone: (661,) 634-1400

 Title: Water Resources Manager Date: 1 1/22/2019

Lead

Melton

Signatur

Date received for filing by County Clerk:

Ø Signed by Applicant

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## CEQA

Transmittal Memorandum

Attach one transmittal memorandum to the front of the original CEQA document. Clip copies in back 1) If notice requires F&W receipt, you must provide a minimum of 3 copies of the document.

2) If notice does not require F&W receipt, you must provide a minimum of 2 copies of the document.

### TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

LEAD AGENCY Kern County Water Agency

#### PROJECT TITLE Agreement between the Kern County Water Agency: Palmdale Water District and California Department of Water

Resources for Delivery of 2019 State Water project water to Senitropic Water Storage District and Berrenda Mesa Water District

#### PROJECT APPLICANT Kern Water Agency

#### PHONE NUMBER( 661 )

#### PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

CITY Bakersfield STATE CA ZIP CODE 93308

 WORK ORDER # X 30-Day Posting 35-Day Posting 45-Day Posting Other

#### CONTACT PERSON Monica Tennant PHONE NUMBER ( 661 ) 634-1419

**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)

\_ Previously paid F&W (must attach F&W receipt) F&W Receipt Number # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_ DFC No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached) …………………….. No Fee

 \_ County Administrative Fee………………………………………………………. $50.00

 \_ Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration………………………………. $2354.75

\_ 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

 X Notice of Exemption ……………………………………………………………………… No Fee

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##### TOTAL $ 50.00



\*Additional copies to be returned to: Kern County Water Agency

 \*Method of return: X Hold for pick-up/Call # 661-634-1419 \_ Interoffice Mail

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

 JV - Trans Code\_\_\_ Dept\_\_\_\_ Fund\_\_\_\_ Expense Key\_\_\_\_

Money Order

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PROJECT TITLE

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY, PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT AND CALIFORNIA DEPARTVEI

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| PROJECT APPLICANT NAMEKERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL |  | PHONE NUMBER661 ) 634-1400 |
| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS3200 RIO MIRADA DR | CITYBAKERSFIELD | STATECA |  | ZIP DE93308 |

PROJECT APPLICANT (check appropriate box)

 Local Public Agency School District [2 Other Special District [X] State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

* Exempt from fee

@ Notice of Exemption (attach)

* CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

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| [3 Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | $850.00 |  |
| County documentary handling fee |  | 50.00 |

[3 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

Other



PAYMENT METHOD:

#####  TOTAL RECEIVED

250.00



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