

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency/Applicant Name:
Kern-Tulare Water District (Public Agency)
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Visalia, CA 93291-4593

Project Title: Kern-Tulare Water District (Kern-Tulare) exchange up to 1,500 acre-feet (af) in 2020 of Central Valley Project (CVP) water for Improvement District No. 4 (ID4) of the Kern County Water Agency's (Agency) 2020 of State Water Project (SWP) Table A water.

Location -- Specific: Kern-Tulare is a Central Valley Project contractor and holds a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for CVP water. Kern-Tulare is located within Kern and Tulare Counties in the southern San Joaquin Valley. ID4 receives SWP water under the Agency's SWP contract and is located in Kern County 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: ID4 will exchange up to 1,500 af of 2020 SWP Table A water with Kern-Tulare for an equal amount of CVP water. The SWP water will be delivered to Kern-Tulare at Reach 12E on the California Aqueduct or at other mutually agreeable locations. The CVP water will be delivered to ID4 into the discharge side of Pumping Plant No. 7 in the Cross Valley Canal (CVC) or at other mutually agreeable locations. The exchange of SWP Table A water for Kern-Tulare's CVP water will facilitate in-district delivery of Kern-Tulare's CVP water and provide ID4 an economic benefit by foregoing pumping lifts through the CVC. All other mutually agreeable locations are located within the Kern groundwater basin so that the total water supply to Kern County is not diminished. 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 exchange.

Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Kern-Tulare and ID4.

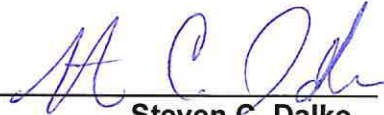
Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** State type and section number: See CEQA Guideline Section 15301(b).
- Statutory Exemption.**

CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) provides that a lead agency may determine an activity to be exempt from CEQA in that it utilizes only existing facilities. This exchange involves project water within the Agency's Water Supply Contract with DWR, all deliveries occur entirely within the SWP place of use and exclusively utilizes existing facilities.

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Date: 2/4/2020

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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