

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Conveyance of Central Valley Project Cross Valley Canal water to Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #19041)

Location – Specific: From O’Neill Forebay to Kern County Water Agency’s (KCWA) turnout(s) within Reaches 12E through 16A of the California Aqueduct.

Location – County: Kern County

Description of Activity: Under the proposed project, the Department of Water Resources of the State of California (DWR) will convey up to 10,000 acre-feet of 2019-2020 Central Valley Project (CVP) Cross Valley Canal water (Non-Project Water) to KCWA, on behalf of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRMWSO). This Non-Project Water, acquired from two CVP contractors, Pixley Irrigation District (Pixley ID) and Lower Tule River Irrigation District (Lower Tule River), will be made available by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to DWR at O’Neill Forebay for subsequent delivery by DWR to KCWA’s service area by February 28, 2020.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: WRMWSO (Lead Agency), KCWA, Reclamation, and DWR (Responsible Agency).

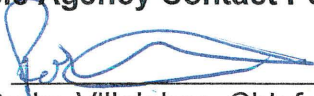
Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility
- Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729

Reason why activity is exempt:

- a. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities.
- b. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.
- c. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.

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