

## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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### Project Title: Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project

Lead Agency: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District

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City: Bakersfield, CA

Zip: 93390-0820

County: Kern

Project Location: County: Kern

City/Nearest Community: Rosedale, CA

Cross Streets: Stockdale Hwy and Enos Lane (Hwy 43)

Zip Code: 93314

Lat. / Long. (degrees, minutes, and seconds): ° 35°21'16" N/ 119°15'8" W

Total Acres: up to 1,280

Assessor's Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_

Range: \_\_\_\_\_

Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-5, 43, 58, 119, 99, 65 Waterways: Kern River, Rosedale West Intake Canal, Central Intake Canal, Cross Valley Canal, Goose Lake Slough, California Aqueduct Airports: \_\_\_\_\_

Railways: San Joaquin Valley Railroad

Schools: Rio Bravo Elementary, Greeley School, Centennial Elementary, Del Rio Elementary

### Document Type:

CEQA:

☒ NOP

☐ Early Cons

☐ Neg Dec

☐ Mit Neg Dec

☐ Draft EIR

☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR

(Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

NEPA:

☐ NOI

☐ EA

☐ Draft EIS

☐ FONSI

Other:

☐ Joint Document

☐ Final Document

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update

☐ General Plan Amendment

☐ General Plan Element

☐ Community Plan

☐ Specific Plan

☐ Master Plan

☐ Planned Unit Development

☐ Site Plan

☐ Rezone

☐ Prezone

☐ Use Permit

☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

☐ Annexation

☐ Redevelopment

☐ Coastal Permit

☒ Other: Easement

### Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_

Acres \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_

Acres \_\_\_\_\_

Employees \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_

Acres \_\_\_\_\_

Employees \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_

Acres \_\_\_\_\_

Employees 0

☐ Educational

☐ Recreational

☒ Water Facilities: Type Conveyance, recharge, and recovery

MGD TBD

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual

☒ Agricultural Land

☒ Air Quality

☒ Archeological/Historical

☒ Biological Resources

☐ Coastal Zone

☒ Drainage/Absorption

☐ Economic/Jobs

☒ Other: Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions

☐ Fiscal

☒ Flood Plain/Flooding

☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard

☒ Geologic/Seismic

☒ Minerals

☒ Noise

☒ Population/Housing Balance

☒ Public Services/Facilities

☒ Recreation/Parks

☒ Schools/Universities

☐ Septic Systems

☐ Sewer Capacity

☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading

☒ Solid Waste

☒ Toxic/Hazardous

☒ Traffic/Circulation

☒ Vegetation

☒ Water Quality

☒ Water Supply/Groundwater

☒ Wetland/Riparian

☒ Growth Inducement

☒ Land Use

☒ Cumulative Effects

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Various

### Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

This Notice of Preparation (NOP) initiates California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review for the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project ("proposed Project") that Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (Rosedale) and Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) propose to jointly carry out through the Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority (Authority). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15051(d), until the Authority is formed, Rosedale will serve as the Lead Agency under CEQA for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Rosedale and IRWD have agreed that Rosedale will perform the lead agency role until the Authority is formed, and the Authority will assume the role thereafter. In addition, the

EIR will be prepared in accordance with the CEQA-Plus requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to fulfill the requirement of potential federal funding partners to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The proposed Project would allow Rosedale and IRWD to more effectively manage sources of water supply by using available underground storage in the local San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin. To do that, Rosedale and IRWD would develop water recharge and recovery facilities in the Kern Fan area of Kern County, California. The proposed Project would recharge, store, recover and deliver State Water Project (SWP) water, including Article 21 water, and water from other sources when available. The stored water would be used to provide ecosystem benefits downstream from the SWP's Lake Oroville and supply reliability benefits for agricultural, and municipal and industrial (M&I) uses. The proposed Project would involve the construction and operation of water conveyance, recharge and recovery facilities.

## Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
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<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date April 8, 2020 Ending Date May 8, 2020

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Jennifer Jacobus Date: 4/7/2020

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