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KERN COUNTY

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MARY B. BEDARD  
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Office of Planning and Research ☐ All ☐ Orig to file ☐ Scan ☐  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** Kern County Water Agency  
P.O. Box 58  
Bakersfield, CA 93302-0058

Kern County Clerk  
1115 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**Project Title:** Agreement between the Kern County Water Agency (Agency) and California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for Delivery of Central Valley Project (CVP) Cross Valley Canal (CVC) water to Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (Wheeler Ridge).

**Location -- Specific:** The Agency is a State Water Project (SWP) contractor located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Wheeler Ridge contracts for SWP water through the Agency and is in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California. Pixley Irrigation District (Pixley) is located in Tulare County.

**Location -- County:** Kern County.

**Description of Activity:** In 2020 and 2021, Pixley will transfer up to 1,695 acre-feet (af) 2020-2021 CVP CVC water to the Agency for delivery to Wheeler Ridge from California Aqueduct turnouts located in the Agency's service area.

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

**Exempt Status:**

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

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.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Holly Melton

**Telephone:** (661) 634-1400

**Signature:**



**Holly Melton**

**Title:** Water Resources Manager

**Date:** 7/21/2020

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing by County Clerk:

☒ Signed by Applicant

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

## 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (Rev. 12/01/19) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:

15 — 07272020 — 15143641

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY

KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE

7/27/2020

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

Kern

DOCUMENT NUMBER

17348

PROJECT TITLE

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY AND CA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR DELIVER

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

(661 ) 634-1419

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

3200 RIO MIRADA DRIVE

CITY

BAKERSFIELD

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

93308

PROJECT APPLICANT (check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

## CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,343.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,406.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	\$1,136.50	\$	0.00

☐ Exempt from fee☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

## PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

R. ROBERTS-MARTIN, KERN COUNTY CLERK, FSS