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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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To:

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From: Kern County Water Agency

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Bakersfield, CA 93302-0058

Kern County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Project Title: Agreement between the Kern County Water Agency (Agency) and California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for Delivery of the Agency's State Water Project (SWP) Water to Westlands Water District (Westlands) and Arroyo Pasajero Mutual Water Company (Arroyo Pasajero) on behalf of Kern-Tulare Water District (Kern-Tulare).

Location -- Specific: The Agency is a State Water Project (SWP) contractor located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Kern-Tulare is a Central Valley Project (CVP) Cross Valley Contractor located in Kern County. Westlands is a CVP contractor located in Fresno County. Arroyo Pasajero is located within Westlands' service area in Fresno County. Fresno Irrigation District (Fresno) is a Friant Division CVP contractor located in Fresno County. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California.

Location -- County: Kern and Fresno Counties.

Description of Activity: In 2020, Kern-Tulare will exchange up to 1,900 af its previously banked CVP water in West Kern Water District's Groundwater Banking Project with Fresno for a like amount of Fresno's CVP and/or Kings River water. In exchange for an equal amount of Kern-Tulare's previously banked CVP water, the Agency will deliver its SWP water on behalf of Kern-Tulare to Westlands (1,800 af) and Arroyo Pasajero (100 af). In exchange, Fresno will deliver its CVP or Kings River water to Kern-Tulare. This transfer was included in an amendment to the State Water Resources Control Board's 2020 Consolidated Place of Use Order.

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

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☐ Declared Emergency

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

☑ Statutory Exemption. State code number: See CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)3.

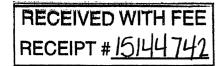
CEQA Guideline Section 15301(b) provides that a lead agency may determine an activity to be exempt from CEQA in that it utilizes only existing facilities. This transfer involves delivery water entirely within the Agency's service area, and exclusively utilizes existing facilities. Additionally, CEQA 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

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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	1: Holly Melton Telephone: (6	Telephone : (661) 634-1400		
Signature: Holly Melton	Title: Water Resources Manager	Date: 10/01/2020		
☑ Signed by Lead Agenc	y Date received for filing	g by County Clerk:		
☑ Signed by Applicant				



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PROJECT TITLE Delivery of Kern County Water Agency's State Water Projec	t Water to Westlands
Water District and Arroyo Pasajero Mutual Water Company on behalf of Kern-	Fulare Water District.
PROJECT APPLICANT Kern County Water Agency	
PHONE NUMBER (661) 634-1400	
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS P.O. Box 58	
CITY Bakersfield STATE CA	ZIP CODE <u>93302-0058</u>
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