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50.3 ENVIRONMENTAL CEQA

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KERN COUNTY

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MARY B. BEDARD
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK
BY *MBB* DEPUTY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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: Common Landowner Transfer of up to 10,000 acre-feet (af) of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's (Tulare Lake) 2021 State Water Project (SWP) Water to the Kern County Water Agency (Agency) on behalf of Henry Miller Water District (Henry Miller).

Location -- Specific: The Agency is a SWP contractor located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Henry Miller 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. Tulare Lake is a SWP contractor located in Tulare County.

Location -- County: Kern and Tulare Counties.

Description of Activity: In 2021, Tulare Lake will transfer up to 10,000 af of its 2021 SWP water to the Agency for delivery to Henry Miller 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

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Notice of Environmental Document
Posted by County Clerk on 2/2/2021
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to
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- 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: 1/28/2021

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing by County Clerk:

☒ Signed by Applicant



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 — 02022021 — 15144906

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY		2/2/2021
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER	
Kern	18679	

PROJECT TITLE

COMMON LANDOWNER TRANSFER OF UP TO 10,000 ACRE-FEET OF TULARE LAKE BASIN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT'S ?

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER	
KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY		(661) 634-1400	
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
3200 RIO MIRADA DRIVE	BAKERSFIELD	CA	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

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Bakersfield CA 93301
661-868-3588

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