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# NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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| **To:** | Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation<br>Attn: State Clearinghouse<br>1400 Tenth Street<br>Sacramento, California 95814 | **From:**<br><br><br><br>**Contact:**<br>**Phone:** | Department of Water Resources<br>Water Management<br>P.O BOX 942836<br>Sacramento, California 94236-0001<br>Patrick Luzuriaga<br>916-820-7778 |

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| **Subject** | Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with § 21108 of the Public Resource Code |
| **Project Title** | Conveyance of Non-Project Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWP #26027) |
| **State Clearinghouse Number(s)** | SCH #20110611057 |
| **Lead Agency** | San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority |
| **Project Location (include county)** | From O'Neill Forebay and/or Banks Pumping Plant to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) in Reaches 10 through 13B of the State Water Project's California Aqueduct; Kern County |
| **Project Description** | This project is for the conveyance of up to 8,622 acre-feet of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority's 2026 Central Valley Project (CVP) water (Non-Project Water) to KCWA under Article 55 of KCWA's Water Supply Contract with DWR. This Non-Project Water will be delivered to multiple member units of KCWA for use in the CVP place of use. This Non-Project Water will be made available by the United States Bureau of Reclamation to DWR at O'Neill Forebay and/or Banks Pumping Plant for subsequent delivery by DWR to KCWA's service area through December 31, 2026. |
| **Determination** | This is to advise that DWR, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on October 23, 2026, and has made the following determinations:<br><br>1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment.<br><br>2. Pursuant to CEQA, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, as the lead public agency, prepared an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement jointly with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for this project. DWR independently reviewed and considered this environmental documentation prior to approving the project. The project is within the scope of the Final EIR/EIS and no additional environmental review is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15162.<br><br>3. Mitigation measures, as described in Chapter 14 of the Final EIR/EIS (SCH 2011061057), **were** made a condition of the approval of the project. San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water |

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| | Authority, as the lead agency, is responsible for the implementation of the mitigation measures.<br><br>4. A statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by DWR for this project.<br><br>5. Findings **were not** made by DWR pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.<br><br>DWR's decision and determination are based on the documents described herein, which are available for review at the office of San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, 541 H Street, Los Banos, CA 93635. |

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| Signature:<br>Molly White<br>Molly White<br>Assistant Division Manager, Water Management<br>Division of Operations and Maintenance<br>State Water Project | Date:<br>10/26/2026 |