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LEAD AGENCY Kern County Water Agency

PROJECT TITLE Transfer of up to 25,000 af of Lower Tule River Irrigation District and Pixley Irrigation District's 2023 CVP Water to KCWA on

behalf of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WSD), Berranda Mesa Water District, Semitropic WSD, Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD, and/or Belridge WSD on behalf of Homer LLC.

PROJECT APPLICANT Kern County Water Agency

PHONE NUMBER (661) 634-1400

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 3200 Rio Mirada Drive

CITY Bakersfield STATE CA ZIP CODE 93308

WORK ORDER # [] 30-Day Posting [] 35-Day Posting [] 45-Day Posting [] Other

CONTACT PERSON Courtney Chaney PHONE NUMBER (661) 634-1400

CHECK DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Availability...No Fee
Notice of Intent...No Fee
Notice of Preparation...No Fee
Notice of Public Hearing...No Fee
Other...No Fee
Environmental Impact Report (EIR)...\$3839.25
Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration...\$2764.00
Notice of Exemption...No Fee

TOTAL \$ 50.00

*Additional copies to be returned to: above listed address

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PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

- JV - Trans Code Dept Fund Expense Key
Money Order
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Office of Environmental Document
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Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code

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Kern County Clerk
1115 Truxtun Ave
Bakersfield CA 93301
(661) 868-3588

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#24390

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\$50.00

Total

\$50.00

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Change

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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KERN COUNTY

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Kern County Water Agency
3200 Rio Mirada Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93308-4944
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
COUNTY CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK
9308-4944 H DEPUTY

Kern County Clerk
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Project Title: Transfer of up to 25,000 acre-feet (af) of Lower Tule River Irrigation District and Pixley Irrigation District's 2023 Central Valley Project (CVP) Water to the Kern County Water Agency (Agency) on behalf of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (Wheeler Ridge), Berrenda Mesa Water District (Berrenda Mesa), Semitropic Water Storage District (Semitropic), Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (Rosedale) and/or Belridge Water Storage District (Belridge) on behalf of Homer LLC.

Location -- Specific: The Agency is a SWP contractor located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Wheeler Ridge, Berrenda Mesa, Semitropic, Rosedale and Belridge contract for SWP water through the Agency and are located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California. Lower Tule River Irrigation District and Pixley Irrigation District are CVP contractors located in Tulare County.

Location -- County: Kern and Tulare Counties.

Description of Activity: In 2023, Lower Tule River Irrigation District and Pixley Irrigation District will transfer up to 25,000 af of their 2023 CVP water to the Agency for delivery to Wheeler Ridge, Berrenda Mesa, Semitropic, Rosedale and/or Belridge 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 of 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

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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: Lauren Bauer

Telephone: (661) 634-1400

Signature: 
Lauren Bauer

Title: Water Resources Manager **Date:** 9/28/2023

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing by County Clerk:

Signed by Applicant



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2023 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 1/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 15 — 10042023 — 15150283
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/4/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Kern	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24390	

PROJECT TITLE
 TRANSFER OF UP TO 25,000 AF OF LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S 2023

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (661) 634-1400
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)	\$3,839.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,764.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	\$1,305.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<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 X <i>M.H</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE M. HERNANDEZ, KERN COUNTY CLERK, FSS
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