

## Notice of Determination

**To:**

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2025040522

**Project Title:** Kernville Raw Water Intake Upgrade Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-59742-R4)

**Project Location (Kern County):** The Project is located in Kernville, California, along the west bank of the Kern River approximately 100 feet northeast of the Sirretta Street and Kernville Road intersection, Kern County, California; Township 25 South, Range 33 East, Section 15; USGS 7.5-Minute Quad Map Kernville; Assessor’s Parcel Number 082-030-06-00; Latitude 35.75581, Longitude -118.42273.

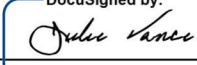
**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS- KER-59742-R4), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, California Water Service Company.

The Project includes activities related to the replacement of the existing raw water intake structure, removal of concrete debris, installation of a temporary coffer dam to dewater the work site, temporary groundwater pumping and treatment, water diversion, vegetation removal, and habitat restoration activities.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 1/29/2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW’s permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW’s approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan was adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW’s record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW’s regional office.

Signature:  Date: 1/29/2026  
Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

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Date Received for filing at LCI: \_\_\_\_\_