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Notice of Exemption

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From: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District
849 Allen Road Bakersfield, CA 93314

County Clerk
County of Kern
1115 Truxtun Ave.

Project Title: Acquisition of Real Property by the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District for Evaluation of Future District Uses

Project Applicant: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District

Project Location – Specific: Kern County Assessor Parcel Numbers 426-040-09, 10 and 11; 426-031-01, 02, 08, 09 and 10; 426-033-01; 426-400-06

Project Location – City: Bakersfield

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the proposed project is for the Rosedale - Rio Bravo Water Storage District ("District") to acquire fee title to the properties identified by the above-listed Kern County Assessor Parcel Numbers (collectively, the "Property"). The total acreage of the Property is approximately 540 acres. The project is limited solely to the acquisition of the Property by the District. The District has no current plans to change the existing uses of the Property. The purpose of the project is to allow the District to evaluate future opportunities to use the Property for the District's project and purposes. The District is not approving any specific future project, construction activity, operational use, recharge basin, transmission facility, change in point of diversion, change in place of use, water conveyance facility, or any other physical change to the Property or associated water rights at this time. The Property will remain in its current condition and use unless and until the District separately considers and approves a future project. The beneficiaries of the project are the landowners within the boundaries of the District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dan Bartel, Engineer-Manager, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption.
- Statutory Exemptions.
- General Rule or Common-Sense Exemption (15061(b)(3)).

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The substantive component of the project consists solely of the acquisition of Property by the District. The proposed project does not involve the construction or alteration of any facilities, any change in existing uses of the Property, or any other change to the Property or its associated water rights. The Property will remain in its present use and condition until plans for future use of the Property are developed and considered by the District. Any future use or development of the Property by the District will be subject to separate consideration, discretionary approval, environmental review, and compliance with CEQA at the time such proposal is formulated. In light of the foregoing, it can be seen with certainty that the proposed activity will not result in any direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect potential change in the environment. As such, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Rachelle Echeverria

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Signature: J-BW Date: 4/14/2020

Title: Engineer - Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant