

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:

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From:

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Office of Planning and Research/Governor's
Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
Online Submittal via CEQA Submit

Project Title: Adoption of Golden Mussel Control Plan and Submittal of Golden Mussel Control Plan to California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("Project")

Project Location: WOOLLOMES PUMPING PLANT (35.747176, -119.173792); CECIL PUMPING PLANT (35.775819, -119.177648); AVENUE 24 PUMPING PLANT (35.834349, -119.162313); AVENUE 36 PUMPING PLANT (35.855996, -119.161063); AVENUE 4 PUMPING PLANT (35.798637, -119.103095); BIG 4 RESERVOIR (35.749229, -119.085207); CECIL RESERVOIR (35.777286, -119.096277); AND AVENUE 24 RESERVOIR (35.833133, -119.074637)

Name of Public Agency Approving Project (Lead Agency): Kern-Tulare Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kern-Tulare Water District.

Project Description: In its Resolution No. 2026-1, the Kern-Tulare Water District's ("District") Board of Directors approved the "Invasive Mussel Control – Chemical Feed Installation Plan" ("Invasive Mussel Control Project"). The District complied with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) for its approval of the Invasive Mussel Control Project by determining that the Invasive Mussel Control Project was exempt pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.), specifically, Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) (Emergency Projects) and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), 15269(b)&(c) (Emergency Projects), 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities), 15304 (Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land) and 15308 (Class 8 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment).

The Project is the approval of a "Golden Mussel Control Plan," prepared pursuant to statutory and regulatory requirements, including California Fish and Game Code Section 2301(d) and regulatory directives of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("CDFW"), and submittal of that "Golden Mussel Control Plan" to CDFW.


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 Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities), CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land), and CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class 8 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment)
- Common Sense Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemption: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The District reviewed the provisions of CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines for purposes of the Project. The District reaffirmed the exemptions set forth in Resolution No. 2026-1 and also determined that the Project is not a "Project" under CEQA because it is an administrative action/activity (CEQA Guidelines § 15378), or, alternatively, remains fully exempt under the previously adopted CEQA findings in Resolution No. 2026-1 as the Project introduces no new physical activities, expansions of use, or environmental impacts beyond those already evaluated and approved, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment (CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)).

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