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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

LEAD AGENCY Kern County Water Agency

PROJECT TITLE Kern County Water Agency (Agency) Exchange of up to 20,000 acre-feet (af) of Kern River Water for Arvin-Edison Water Storage District's (Arvin-Edison) 2025-2026 Central Valley Project (CVP) Water

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 Monica Tennant PHONE NUMBER (661) 634-1419

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).....\$4123.50

☐ Previously paid F&W (must attach F&W receipt) F&W Receipt Number#

☐ DFG No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached).....No Fee

☐ County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00

☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration.....\$2968.75

☐ Previously paid F&W (must attach F&W receipt) F&W Receipt Number#

☐ DFG No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached).....No Fee

☐ County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00

☒ Notice of Exemption.....No Fee

☐ County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00

TOTAL \$ 50.00

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

- ☐ JV - Trans Code Dept Fund Expense Key of Environmental Document
☐ Money Order
☐ Check

Noted by County Clerk on 09/10/2026
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to
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Kern County
Auditor Controller

1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639
Phone: 661-868-3599

Thursday Sep 10 2026 02:36:58 PM

CEQA - County Clerk Fee 27850	50.00
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Total	50.00
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Telecheck 135691	50.00
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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
BY AIMEE ESPINOZA DEPUTY
COUNTY CLERK

Kern County Clerk
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Project Title: Kern County Water Agency (Agency) Exchange of up to 20,000 acre-feet (af) of Kern River Water for Arvin-Edison Water Storage District's (Arvin-Edison) 2025-2026 Central Valley Project (CVP) Water.

Location -- Specific: The Agency is a SWP contractor located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Arvin-Edison is a CVP contractor located in Kern County in the southern San Joaquin Valley. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is headquartered in Sacramento, California.

Location -- County: Kern County.

Description of Activity: In 2026, the Agency will exchange up to 20,000 af of Kern River water for Arvin-Edison's 2025-2026 CVP water for the purpose of facilitating in-district delivery of Arvin-Edison's CVP water. There is no construction, land use change, or modification to existing facilities; no new lands will be brought into production as a result of the requested exchange.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Kern County Water Agency (Lead Agency), DWR and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

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 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:

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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.

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SEP 10 2026

AMIEE X. SAMPACK
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, COUNTY CLERK
BY [Signature] DEPUTY

Lead Agency Contact Person: Lauren Bauer

Telephone: (661) 634-1400

Signature: [Signature]
Lauren Bauer

Title: Water Resources Manager

Date: 08/26/2026

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing by County Clerk:

☒ Signed by Applicant

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT**
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RECEIPT NUMBER:

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY

KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE

9/10/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

Kern

DOCUMENT NUMBER

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PROJECT TITLE

KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY (AGENCY) EXCHANGE OF UP TO 20,000 ACRE FEET (AF) OF KERN RIVER WATER FOR ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICTS (ARVIN- EDISON) 2025-2026 CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT (CVP) WATER

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:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$4,227.50

\$

0.00

☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)

\$3,043.75

\$

0.00

☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW

\$1,437.25

\$

0.00

☐ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)

\$850.00

\$

0.00

☒ County documentary handling fee

\$

50.00

☐ Other

\$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash

☐ Credit

☒ Check

☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED

\$

50.00

SIGNATURE

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

M. VACA RAMOS, KERN COUNTY CLERK, FSS