Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Kern
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Bakersfield, CA 93301

From: (Public Agency): Berrenda Mesa Water District
8501 Brimhall Road, Suite 202
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(Address)

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Project Title: Mendiburu System Improvements Project

Project Applicant: Berrenda Mesa Water District

Project Location - Specific:

BMWD facilities south of Twisselman Road, from the California Aqueduct through the Booster Pump Station to existing turnout facilities.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Kern County Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Mendiburu System Improvements Project consists of rehabilitation and replacement of existing BMWD water conveyance and pumping facilities, including the Aqueduct Pump Station, Booster Pump Station, and associated pipelines between existing District facilities and turnouts. Pipeline work would occur primarily within disturbed agricultural areas and existing farm roads. The Project would improve system reliability without increasing capacity or expanding the District's service area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Berrenda Mesa Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Berrenda Mesa Water District

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ 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. State type and section number: Class 1 and Class 2; Sections 15301 and 15302(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project qualifies for Class 1 under Section 15301 as rehabilitation and improvement of existing public water facilities with no expansion of use. Class 2 under Section 15302(c) also applies to replacement or reconstruction of existing utility facilities for substantially the same purpose and capacity. Improvements would occur primarily within existing facilities, disturbed agricultural areas, and farm roads, with no increase in system capacity or expansion of the District's service area.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Justin Rowe Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-633-9022

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: 11/12/26 Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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: _____