

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CHECKLIST
Exclusion of Lands from Kern-Tulare Water District (KTWD)

South-Central California Area Office

January 26, 2012

Background: Kern-Tulare Water District (KTWD) has revised their Sphere of Influence with the Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) by detaching land. The LAFCo actions occurred on March 23, 2011 and May 25, 2011. These actions would only affect the quantities of water delivered by the appropriate districts for the subject territory. There would be no upgrade needed to existing facilities as a result of the annexation. KTWD has requested that its service area boundaries be condensed to exclude ±812.91 acres.

Purpose and Need for Action: The reason for the proposed actions is that KTWD no longer delivers any supplied water to the territory proposed to be detached and the landowners do not require a water supply from KTWD.

Proposed Action: Reclamation proposes to approve the detachment of ±812.91 acres from KTWD. See Table 1 for Assessor's Parcel Numbers and Figures 1-5 for parcel maps.

Table 1 – Parcel Locations (Kern & Tulare County)

Assessor Parcel Number	Acres
051-101-41	31.80
051-102-12	80.00
051-102-40	33.26
051-102-17	0.23
051-140-15	19.40
051-140-16	25.40
051-131-27	40.00
051-131-28	20.00
051-132-01	19.86
051-132-07	106.66
051-132-35	10.00
051-132-16	10.00
060-151-23	20.00
060-282-12	10.00
060-410-07	30.09
060-410-03	2.21
060-410-12	38.29
051-132-42	5.33
051-122-15	19.56

051-122-19	16.46
051-122-20	20.00
338-200-23	72.71
338-200-18	7.32
339-170-03	20.00
339-170-04	10.00
339-170-24	19.92
339-170-23	19.92
339-170-25	19.92
339-170-11	50.00
339-160-23	14.73
339-160-24	19.84
Total	812.91

Exclusion Category: 516 DM 14.5 D (3) Administration and implementation of project repayment and water service contracts, including approval of organizational or other administrative changes in contracting entities brought about by inclusion or exclusion of lands in these contracts.

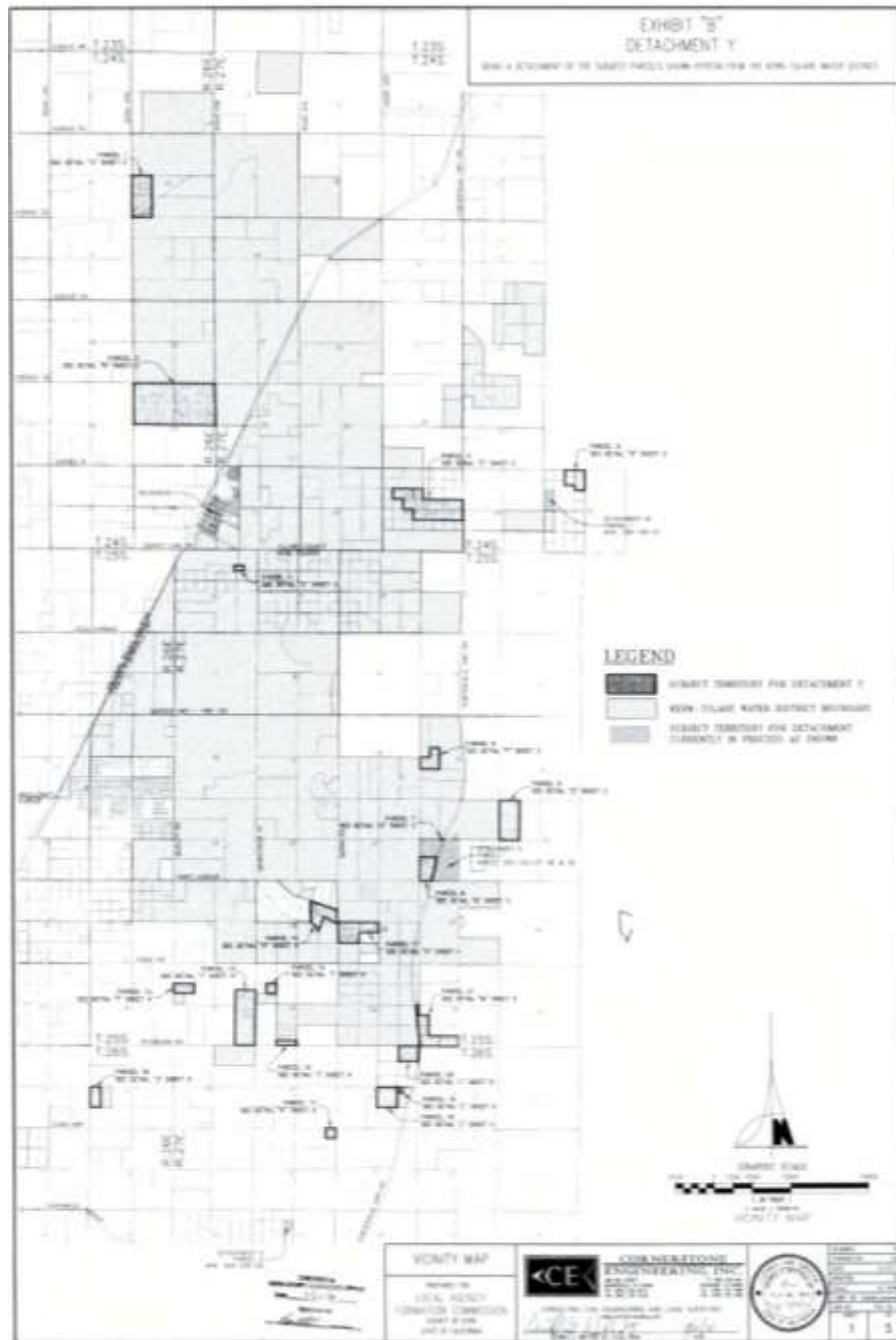


Figure 1. All KT WD APNs

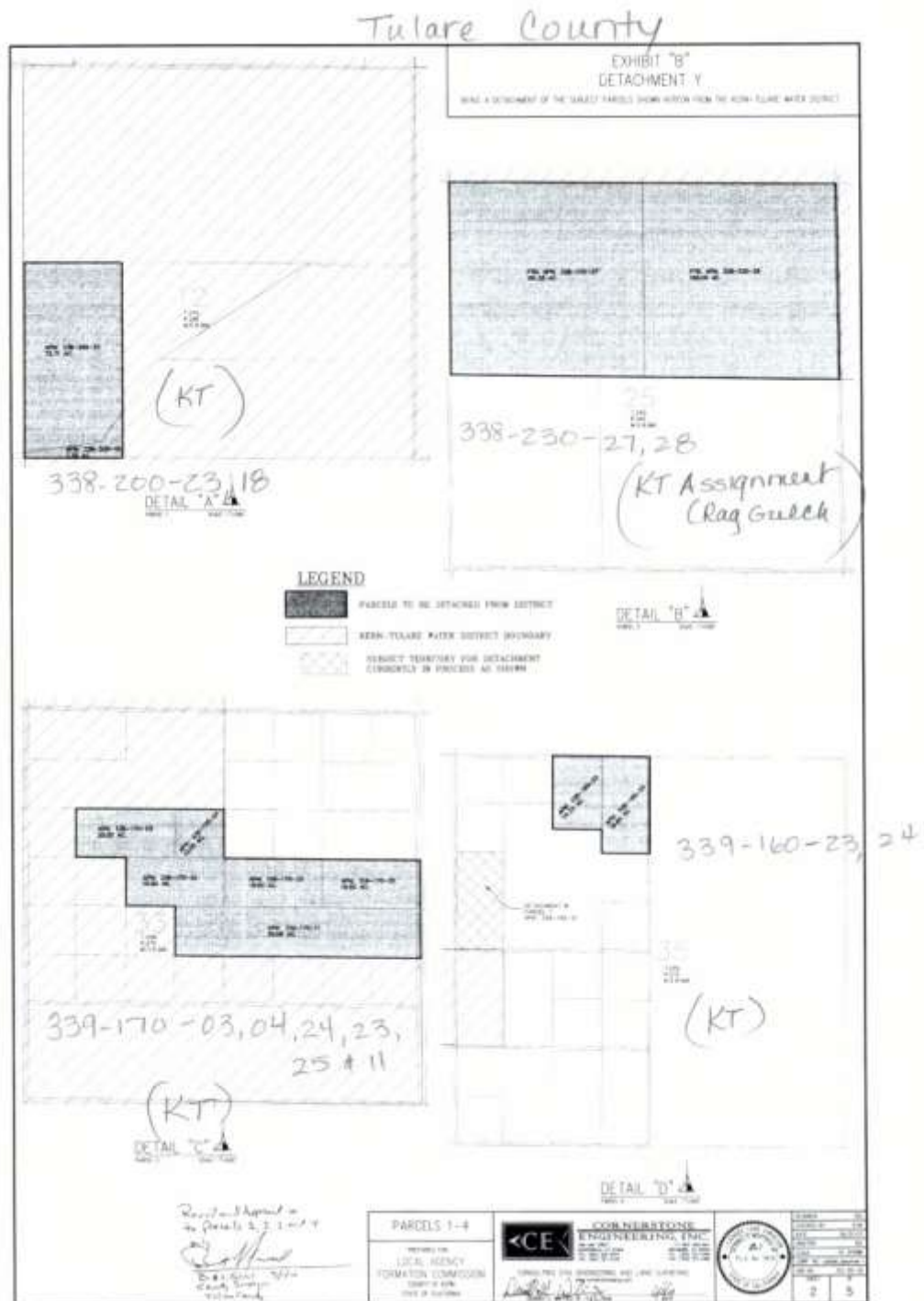


Figure 2. Tulare County APNS within KTWD

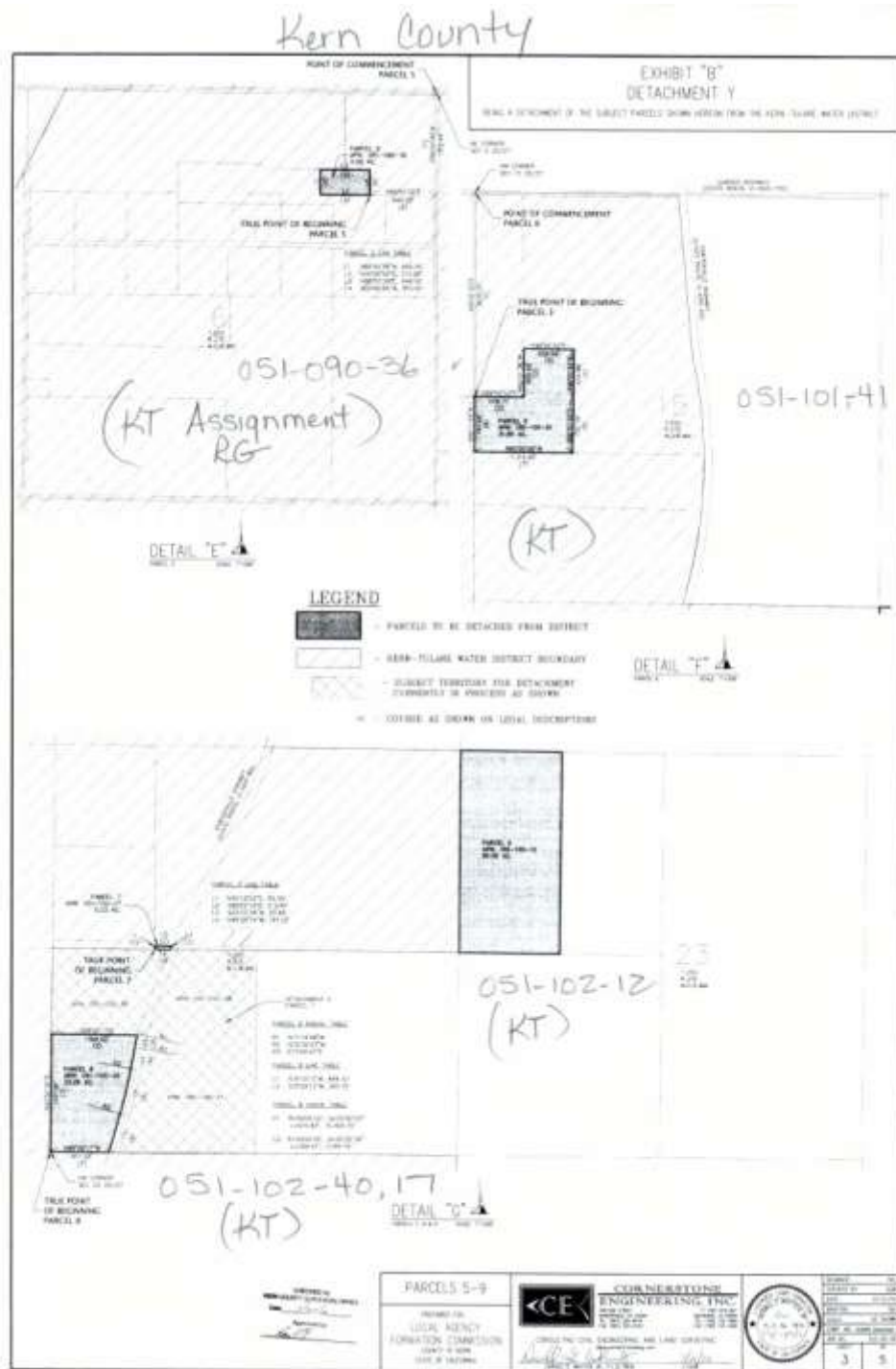


Figure 3. Part 1 of 3 Kern County APNs within KTWD





Evaluation of Criteria for Categorical Exclusion

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| 1. This Action will have a significant effect on the quality of human environment | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |
| 2. This action would have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |

Evaluation of Exemptions to Actions within Categorical Exclusion

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|---|-------------|----------------|-----|
| 1. This action would have significant impacts on public health or safety | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |
| 2. This action would have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographical characteristics as historic or cultural resources; parks, recreation, and refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (E.O. 11990); floodplains (E.O. 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |
| 3. This action will have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |
| 4. This action would establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |

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| 5. This action would have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
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| 6. This action would have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register or Historic Places (National Register) as determined by the bureau (in coordination with a Reclamation cultural resources professional, LND 02-01 D(1)(a)) | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
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| 7. This action would have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated critical habitat for these species | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
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| 8. This action would violate a Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for protection of the environment | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
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| 9. This action would affect ITAs (To be completed by Reclamation official responsible for ITAs) | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
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| 10. This action would have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
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| 11. This action would limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |

12. This action would contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weeds Control Act)

No X Uncertain ____ Yes

NEPA Action: Categorical Exclusion X

Environmental commitments, explanation, and/or remarks:

☐ Yes ☒ No Environmental commitments are required and attached.

☐ San Joaquin Kit Fox Avoidance and Minimization Measures

☐ Giant Garter Snake Avoidance and Minimization Measures

☐ California Tiger Salamander Avoidance and Minimization Measures

☐ California Red-Legged Frog Avoidance and Minimization Measures

☐ Other:

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Regional Archeologist concurred with Item 6. Their determination has been placed within the project file.

Area Office Biologist concurred with Item 7. Their determination has been placed within the project file.

ITA Designee concurred with Item 9. Their determination has been placed within the project file.

Concur:



Date:

3.29.2012

Wildlife Biologist, South-Central California Area Office

Concur:



Date:

4/25/12

Supervisory Natural Resources Specialist, South-Central California Area Office

Approved:



Date:

4/25/12

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Chief, Resources Management Division, South-Central California Area Office