

# KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY

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Ms. Susan Jones  
San Joaquin Branch Chief  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
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Sacramento, CA 95825

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William Loudermilk  
Regional Manager  
California Department of Fish and Game  
1234 East Shaw Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93710

RE: Request Minor Amendment No. 3  
Increase Kern Water Bank Master Permit Credit Area

Dear Ms. Jones and Mr. Loudermilk:

Based on recent conversations with representatives of the Wildlife Agencies regarding mitigation of development throughout the southern San Joaquin Valley, Kern Water Bank Authority requests adjusting the Kern Water Bank Master Permit Area<sup>1</sup> to include a broader area of similar habitat and species resources in the southern San Joaquin Valley (see attached map). We understand that with the agreement of your agencies, this adjustment can be done as a Minor Amendment to the HCP. If you have questions regarding the proposed Permit Area, please contact Shannon Holbrook (USFWS). Please sign below to indicate your concurrence with the Minor Amendment. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

*Cheryl Harding*  
Cheryl Harding,  
Administrator

BY: *Calvin Hunt*  
United States Fish and Wildlife Service

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Date

BY: *W. R. Smith, acting RM*  
California Department of Fish and Game

Date

*6/23/04*

<sup>1</sup> Exhibit C to the Kern Water Bank Conservation Bank Agreement, included in the Kern Water Bank Authority Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP), executed October 2, 1997.

## CONSERVATION BANK AGREEMENT

### EXHIBIT "C"

Beginning at the Fresno/Kings/Tulare County lines intersection;

Then East along the Tulare/Fresno County line to an elevation of 1,500 feet above sea level;

Then South through Tulare and Kern Counties along the 1,500 foot elevation line to a point 7 miles due north and 4 miles east of the Ventura/Los Angeles/Kern County lines intersection;

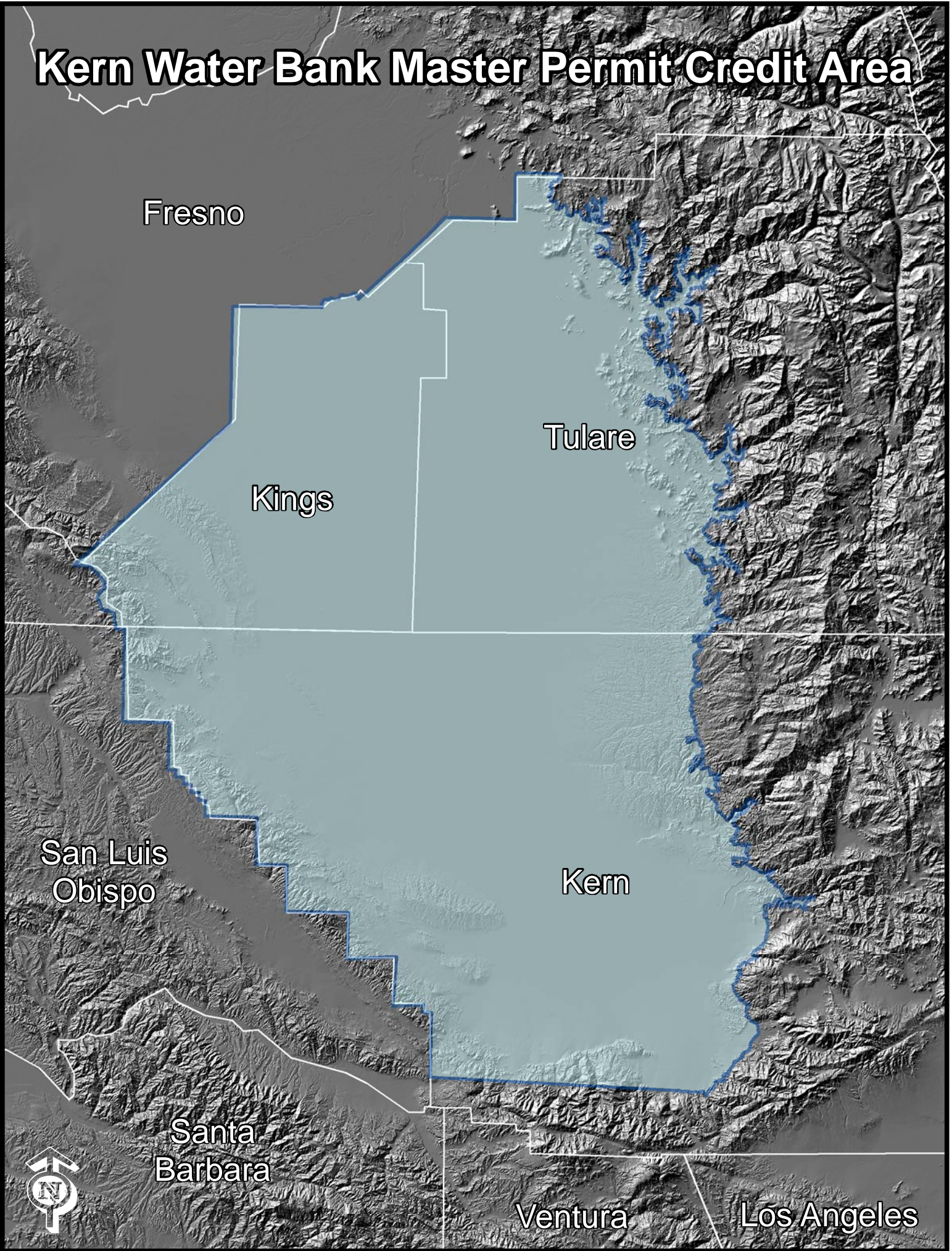
Then West in a straight line to the intersection of the Kern/San Luis Obispo County line and the intersection of State Routes 166 and 33;

Then Northwest along the San Luis Obispo/Kern County line;

Then continuing North along the Monterey/Kings County line;

Then Northeast along the Fresno/Kings County line to the starting point at the Fresno/Kings/Tulare County lines intersection.

# Kern Water Bank Master Permit Credit Area



Fresno

Tulare

Kings

San Luis  
Obispo

Kern

Santa  
Barbara

Ventura

Los Angeles

