

**Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District  
Notice of Exemption**

**To:** County Clerk    State Clearing House  
County of Kings    State of California  
Kings County Gov. Center                              1400 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hanford, CA 93230                                      Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District  
1001 Chase Ave., Corcoran, CA 93212

**Project Title:** Conveyance of 2019 SWP Water to Growers in Westlands Water District, San Luis Water District and Pleasant Valley Water District to Complete an Exchange of Surface Water Supplies.

**Project Location – Specific:** Service area of the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, Westlands Water District, San Luis Water District, and Pleasant Valley Water District.

**Project Location – City:** Corcoran      **Project Location – County:** Kings, Fresno, Merced

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** Growers in Westlands Water District, San Luis Water District and Pleasant Valley Water District intend to purchase a total of up to 65,000 acre-feet of local surface water, which will be delivered into Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District. In exchange, a comparable amount of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's State Water Project water will be conveyed through the California Aqueduct and delivered to lands in Westlands Water District, San Luis Water District, and Pleasant Valley Water District. Water delivered into Fresno and Merced Counties, which is outside the SWP Place of Use, would be delivered under the 2019 Temporary Change in the Place of Use. The exchange will be completed in mid-2020.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District

**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 Exemption (Sec. 15301 Existing Facilities);
- Statutory Exemption (CA Water Code 1729)

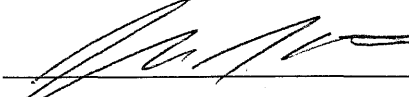
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**Reasons why project is exempt:** The District has determined that there are no foreseeable environmental impacts. This single year delivery of SWP water is also exempt from CEQA under Water Code Section 1729. Further, the exchange is categorically exempt under CEQA since it involves the use and operation of existing facilities (CEQA Guidelines 15301).

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Mark Gilkey **Telephone:** 559-992-4127

**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

	March 22, 2019	Assistant General Manager
Signature	Date	Title

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