

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Common Landowner Transfer of up to 10,000 acre-feet of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's Approved 2019 State Water Project Table A Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #19005)

Location – Specific: From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnouts at Reaches 9 through 11B of the California Aqueduct, and Reach 31A on the Coastal Branch of the California Aqueduct.

Location – County: Kern County

Description of Activity: The proposed project is the transfer of up to 10,000 acre-feet of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's (TLBWSD) approved 2019 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to KCWA. The request was made on behalf of landowner Sandridge Partners Inc., which farms in both TLBWSD's and KCWA's service areas. Sandridge Partners Inc. will use the transferred water to better manage its water supplies. The delivery of TLBWSD's approved 2019 SWP Table A water to KCWA will be completed by December 31, 2019.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: TLBWSD (lead agency), KCWA, and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) (responsible agency)

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility
- Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729

Reason why activity is exempt:

- a. State Water Project long-term water supply contract includes provisions for delivery within SWP place of use.
- b. No construction is required to implement the proposed points of delivery.
- c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed change in points of delivery.
- d. The water will be delivered to lands that have been in agricultural production for many years. There will be no change in land use.

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