

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Amendment to the Agreement between the Department of Water Resources of the State of California and Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency for a Temporary Additional Point of Delivery of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's State Water Project Table A Water to the Big Rock Creek Siphon Temporary Turnout (SWPAO #18035-A)

Location – Specific: From the Delta to approximately Milepost 366.53 in Reach 22B of the California Aqueduct's East Branch

Location – County: Los Angeles County

Description of Activity: This Amendment (SWPAO #18035-A) amends the Agreement (SWPAO #18035) executed on January 28, 2019 between Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) and the Department of Water Resources of the State of California (DWR). SWPAO #18035 provides for the delivery of up to 2,000 acre-feet of AVEK's approved 2019 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to AVEK's temporary diversion facility at approximately Milepost 366.53 in Reach 22B of the California Aqueduct's East Branch (Big Rock Creek Siphon Temporary Turnout). The Big Rock Creek Siphon Temporary Turnout directly feeds into an adjudicated groundwater basin in the Antelope Valley region, which AVEK can store its SWP water supplies in and recover later using its own pumping wells for use in its service area. This Amendment extends the date to deliver AVEK's approved 2019 SWP Table A water to the Big Rock Creek Siphon Temporary Turnout from June 30, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: AVEK (lead agency) and 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. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities.
- b. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.
- c. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.
- d. The project is not expected to have any significant effects on the environment.

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