

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Los Angeles

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From: (Public Agency): _____
Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK)
6500 West Avenue N, Palmdale, CA 93551

(Address)

Project Title: AVEK Water Agency - San Gabriel Valley MWD 2019 Exchange

Project Applicant: Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK)

Project Location - Specific:

Kern and Los Angeles Counties. Program will occur within service boundaries of AVEK Water Agency and San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD)

Project Location - City: Various Project Location - County: Kern, Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A 2:1 water exchange: AVEK will release up to 4,000 Acre-Feet (AF) of its allocated 2019 SWP water supply for delivery to San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD). SGVMWD will return one-half of the amount delivered in 2019, up to 2,000 AF by 2029.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Ca. Dept. of Water Resources, AVEK, & KCWA

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: AVEK Water Agency & KCWA

Exempt Status: **(check one)**:

- 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. State type and section number: Class 1, Sec. 15301: Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

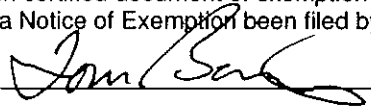
This program is exempt from CEQA pursuant to a Class 1 categorical exemption (14 C.C.R. 5 15301) because it involves the use of existing publicly owned water facilities within the boundaries of AVEK and KCWA. Water storage or exchange involves imported water delivered through the SWP Calif. Aqueduct that would otherwise be consumed or stored by AVEK.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Tom Barnes Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-943-3201

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 No

Signature:  Date: 7/12/2019 Title: Water Resources Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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