

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Conveyance of Non-Project Water to Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Turnout (SWPAO #19015)

Location – Specific: From Reach 14A to approximately Milepost 311.84 of California Aqueduct

Location – County: Los Angeles County

Description of Activity: The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has acquired up to 100 acre-feet of Nickel Water (Non-Project Water) located in Kern County from San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA). LADWP also has a permanent turnout located in Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK) service area (AVEK's LADWP Turnout), which allows for direct deliveries of water from the California Aqueduct to LADWP's service area within The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWDSC) service area via the Los Angeles Aqueduct.

Under the proposed project, Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) will make available up to 100 acre-feet of Non-Project Water at Reach 14A of the California Aqueduct for subsequent delivery by the Department of Water Resources of the State of California (DWR) to AVEK's LADWP Turnout located at approximately Milepost 311.84 by December 31, 2019.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: AVEK (lead agency), KCWA, SGPWA, 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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