

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Water Resource
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Project Title: Conveyance of up to 5,300 Acre-Feet of Central Valley Project Water to Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (SWPAO #19026).

Location – Specific: From O'Neill Forebay to Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's (TLBWSD) turnout(s) in Reaches 8C and 8D of the California Aqueduct.

Location – County: Kings County

Description of Activity: The proposed project is the conveyance of a combined total of up to 5,300 acre-feet of Mercy Springs Water District's CVP water (up to 1,300 acre-feet) and Fresno Slough Water District's CVP water (up to 4,000 acre-feet) to TLBWSD. This Non-Project water acquired by Angiola Water District, a member unit of TLBWSD, will be made available by Reclamation to the Department of Water Resources of the State of California (DWR) at O'Neill Forebay for subsequent delivery by DWR to TLBWSD's service area by February 28, 2020. This Non-Project water will be conveyed under Article 55 of TLBWSD's Water Supply Contract with DWR.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: TLBWSD (lead agency), DWR (responsible agency), and United States Bureau of Reclamation

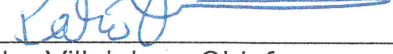
Exempt Status:

- 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. State Water Project long-term water supply contract includes provisions for conveyance of Non-Project water to SWP contractors.

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