

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**From:** Department of Water Resources  
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**Project Title:** Common Landowner Transfer of up to 15,000 acre-feet of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's Approved 2019 State Water Project Table A Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #19021)

**Location – Specific:** From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) Reaches 9A through 16A of the California Aqueduct and Reach 31A of the California Aqueduct's Coastal Branch.

**Location – County:** Kern County

**Description of Activity:** The proposed project is for the transfer of up to 15,000 acre-feet of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK) approved 2019 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water (2019 Table A Water) to KCWA. The request was made on behalf of landowner Homer, LLC (Homer), which owns land in both AVEK's and KCWA's service areas. Homer will use the transferred water to better manage its water supplies. The delivery of AVEK's 2019 Table A water to KCWA under this Agreement shall be completed by December 31, 2019 for use within the SWP Place of Use.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity:**

**Exempt Status:**

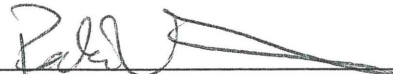
- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility
- Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729

**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.

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