

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Water Resources
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Project Title: Agreement among the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, and Kern County Water Agency for a Change in Point of Delivery of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's State Water Project Table A Water (SWPAO #19019)

Location – Specific: From the Delta to Reaches 9 through 12E of the California Aqueduct and Reach 31A of the Coastal Branch using State Water Project (SWP) facilities.

Location -- County: Kern and Kings Counties

- A. **Description of Activity:** Growers within KCWA intend to purchase up to 35,000 acre-feet of pre-1914 Kings River water from J.G. Boswell Company (Boswell), a landowner with TLBWSD. In order to facilitate the delivery of KCWA's acquired water from Boswell to its service area, TLBWSD proposes to transfer up to 35,000 acre-feet of TLBWSD's approved 2019 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water (TLBWSD's Table A Water) to KCWA. In exchange, up to 35,000 acre-feet of Boswell's pre-1914 Kings River water will be delivered to TLBWSD for use in its service area. The delivery of TLBWSD's Table A Water to KCWA shall be completed by December 31, 2019.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: TLBWSD (Lead Agency), KCWA, 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 proposed 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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