

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Department of Water Resources
State Water Project Analysis Office
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Project Title: Conveyance of up to 53,300 acre-feet of Kern-Tulare Water District's 2020 Central Valley Project Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #20010).

Location -- Specific: From the Delta to Reaches 9 through 13B of the California Aqueduct.

Location -- County: Kern County

Description of Activity: California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will convey up to 53,300 acre-feet of Kern-Tulare Water District's 2020 Central Valley Project (CVP) water supplies to Kern County Water Agency (KCWA). The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) will make the CVP water available to DWR at Banks Pumping Plant and/or O'Neill Forebay for subsequent delivery by DWR to KCWA's turnouts in Reaches 9 through 13B of the California Aqueduct through February 28, 2021, in accordance with Article 55 of KCWA's Water Supply Contract with DWR.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: KCWA (lead agency) and DWR (responsible agency).

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why activity is exempt:

- a. State Water Project long-term water supply contract includes provisions for conveyance of non-project water to SWP contractors.
- b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery.
- c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed change in points of delivery.
- d. There will be no change in land use.

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