

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**From:** Department of Water Resource  
State Water Project Analysis Office  
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**Project Title:** Common Landowner Transfer of up to 7,000 acre-feet of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's Approved 2020 State Water Project Table A Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #20026)

**Location – Specific:** From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) Reaches 10A through 13B of the California Aqueduct.

**Location – County:** Kern County

**Description of Activity:** The proposed project is for the transfer of up to 7,000 acre-feet of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK) approved 2020 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water (2020 Table A Water) to KCWA. The request was made on behalf of landowner V Lions Operations, LP, which owns land in both AVEK's and KCWA's service areas. V Lions Operations, LP will use this water for its immediate farming needs. The delivery of AVEK's 2020 Table A water to KCWA under this Agreement shall be completed by December 31, 2020 and used within the SWP place of Use.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity:** AVEK (lead agency), KCWA, and the Department of Water Resources of the State of California (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.

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