

**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 #20028).

**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:** California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will convey up to 5,300 acre-feet of Central Valley Project (CVP) water to TLBWSD. The CVP water (Non-Project Water) consists of up to 1,300 acre-feet from Mercy Springs Water District and up to 4,000 acre-feet from Fresno Slough Water District. The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) will make the Non-Project Water available to DWR at O’Neill Forebay for subsequent delivery by DWR to TLBWSD’s turnouts in Reaches 8C and 8D of the California Aqueduct 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 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. 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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