

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**From:** Department of Water Resources  
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**Project Title:** Conveyance of up to 1,959 acre-feet of 2020 Central Valley Project Cross Valley Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #20027-A)

**Location – Specific:** From O’Neill Forebay and/or Banks Pumping Plant to Kern County Water Agency’s (KCWA) turnout(s) located within Reaches 9A through 16A of the California Aqueduct

**Location – County:** Kern County

**Description of Activity:** SWPAO #20027-A amends the Letter Agreement between KCWA and the Department of Water Resources of the State of California (DWR) executed on September 3, 2020 (SWPAO #20027).

SWPAO #20027 sets forth the terms and conditions for the conveyance of up to 1,959 acre-feet of 2020 Central Valley Project (CVP) Cross Valley water (Non-Project Water) to KCWA, on behalf of its member unit, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRMWSD). This Non-Project Water was acquired from the following CVP contractors: Hills Valley Irrigation District, Tri-Valley Water District, and the County of Tulare. The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) would make the Non-Project Water available at O’Neill Forebay for subsequent delivery by DWR to KCWA’s service area for use within WRMWSD’s CVP place of use by February 28, 2021.

SWPAO #20027-A amends SWPAO #20027 by adding Banks Pumping Plant as a point where the Non-Project Water will be made available to DWR by Reclamation, in addition to O’Neill Forebay, for subsequent delivery to KCWA’s turnout(s).

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity:** WRMWSD (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. 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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