

Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District Finding of Exemption

Project Title: 2021 Article 56c Carryover Transfer from Tulare Lake Basin WSD to County of Kings of 324 Acre-feet.

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (Tulare Lake) will transfer 324 acre-feet of its Article 56c State Water Project Carryover Water to County of Kings. The transfer will be completed by December 31, 2021. No lands will be fallowed as a result of the transfer and no additional groundwater will be pumped.

Entity or Person Undertaking Project: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
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Recommendation: Staff, having undertaken and completed a review of this project for CEQA compliance, has determined that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:

- 1. The proposed action does not constitute a project (Guidelines, section 15378).
- 2. This project is a ministerial project (Guidelines, sections 15369, 15268).
- 3. The project is an emergency project (Guidelines, sections 15269, 15359).
- 4. The project is categorically exempt (Guidelines, Article 19, sections 15300-15329)
A. Applicable Exemption Class: 1
- 5. No foreseeable impacts on the environment (Guidelines, section 15061(b)(3)).
- 6. Statutory Exemption (CA Water Code 1729).

Brief statement of reasons why project is exempt: Tulare Lake has determined that there are no foreseeable environmental impacts. The single year transfer is also exempt from CEQA under Water Code Section 1729. Further, the transfer is categorically exempt under CEQA since it involves the use and operation of an existing facility (CEQA Guidelines 15301).

Name of Lead Agency: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District

Date: 5/5/2021



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