

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Amendment to the Agreement among Department of Water Resources and Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District to Include Teapot Dome to the List of Participants (SWPAO #22006-A)

Location – Specific: From O’Neill Forebay, Banks Pumping Plant, and/or San Luis Reservoir to TLBWSD’s turnout(s) in Reaches 8C and 8D of the California Aqueduct

Location – County: Kings County

Description of Activity: The amendment will include Teapot Dome (TPD) to the list of participants under the letter agreement (SWPAO #22006) executed in 2022 among DWR and TLBWSD for the conveyance of up to 40,000 AF of Cross Valley Water and/or Friant Recirculation Water stored in San Luis Reservoir.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: TLBWSD (lead agency), DWR (responsible agency), 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. 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.
- d. The project is entirely within the SWP place of use.

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