

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Transfer of 434 acre-feet of Dudley Ridge Water District's (DRWD) Article 56 Carryover Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #22017).

Location – Specific: From Delta to Reaches 10A to 12D of the California Aqueduct.

Location – County: Kern County

Description of Activity: The project is the transfer of 434 acre-feet of Dudley Ridge Water District's (DRWD) Article 56 Carryover Water, stored in the San Luis Reservoir, to Kern County Water Agency. The delivery of DRWD's transferred Article 56 Carryover Water to KCWA will be completed by December 31, 2022.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: DRWD, 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 contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers of Article 56 Carryover Water between 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. The proposed project is intended to meet the existing uses of water and will not result in a change in land use.

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