

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Department of Water Resources  
Project Water Management Office  
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**Project Title:** Common Landowner Transfer of up to 4,497 acre-feet of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's Approved 2022 State Water Project Table A Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWP #22016)

**Location -- Specific:** From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) in Reaches 9 through 11B of the California Aqueduct

**Location -- County:** Kern County

**Description of Activity:** Up to 4,497 acre-feet of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's (TLBWSD) approved 2022 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water will be transferred to Kern County Water Agency (KCWA). The request was made on behalf of landowner, Sandridge Partners, who farms in both service areas. Delivery to be completed by December 31, 2022.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity:** TLBWSD (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

**Reasons why activity is exempt:**

- a. State Water Project long-term water supply contract includes provisions for delivery within the SWP place of use.
- b. No construction is required to implement the proposed change in points of 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 water will be delivered to lands that have been in agricultural production for many years. There will be no change in land use.

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