

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Department of Water Resources  
Division of Operations and Maintenance  
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**Project Title:** Long-term Agreement between the Department of Water Resources of the State of California and Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) for temporary storage of KCWA's non-project water supplies in San Luis Reservoir via the introduction of KCWA's non-project water into the California Aqueduct. (SWP #21018)

**Location – Specific:** Reaches 9 through 16A of the California Aqueduct and Reach 31A along the Coastal Branch of the California Aqueduct

**Location -- County:** Kern County

**Description of Activity:** Agreement provides for KCWA to temporarily store its non-project water in San Luis Reservoir, for future delivery to KCWA's turnout(s), via introduction of a like amount of KCWA's non-project water into the California Aqueduct which will become overall SWP supplies.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity:** KCWA (lead agency) and the Department of Water Resources (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. The SWP water supply contracts allow the SWP contractors to temporarily store non-project water in the SWP surface conservation facilities and to transport such water to their service area through the SWP transportation facilities.
- b. The proposed project is a water management operation using only existing facilities.
- c. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.
- d. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.

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