

Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District Notice of Exemption

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From: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, 1001 Chase Avenue, Corcoran CA 93212

Project Title: Common Landowner Transfer of up to 3,500 AF a week of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District 2023 Article 21 Interruptible State Water Project Water to Kern County Water Agency.

Project Location – Specific: Kern County Water Agency Service Area

Project Location – City: Bakersfield **Project Location – County:** Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (District) will transfer up to 3,500 AF a week of its 2023 Article 21 Interruptible State Water Project Water to Kern County Water Agency for J. G. Boswell Company who farms in both districts. The deliveries will be completed during the availability of Interruptible Water as determined by DWR and no later than December 31, 2023. This proposed transfer is designed to enable J. G. Boswell Company to better manage its respective water supplies. No lands will be fallowed as a result of the transfer and no additional groundwater will be pumped. The lands have been actively farmed in the past.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, Kern County Water Agency, and the California Department of Water Resources.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301);
- Statutory Exemption (CA Water Code 1729)

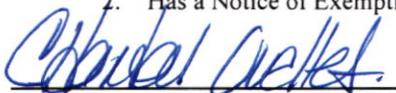
Reasons why project is exempt: The District has determined that there are no foreseeable environmental impacts, because both lands have been actively farmed, no new land has been developed, no additional groundwater will be pumped, and there is no physical change associated with this project. The single 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).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Chantal Ouellet

Telephone: 559-992-4127

If filed by applicant

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes



March 20, 2023

Assistant General Manager

Signature

Date

Title

Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District Finding of Exemption

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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: The District 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).

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