

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	From:	Department of Water Resources Water Management 1516 9 th Street Sacramento, California 95814
Project Title	Transfer of up to 6,000 acre-feet of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's Approved 2023 State Water Project Table A Water to County of Kings (SWP #23004).		
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Reach 7 located on the California Aqueduct		
Location- County	Kings County		
Description of Activity	The project is for the transfer of up to 6,000 acre-feet of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's (TLBWSD) approved 2023 State Water Project Table A Water to County of Kings (Kings). The request was made on behalf of landowner Westlake Farms Incorporated, who farms in both TLBWSD's and Kings' service areas. Westlake Farms Incorporated will use the transferred water to better manage its water supplies. TLBWSD's 2023 Table A Water will be delivered to Kings through Westlands Water District's turnout(s) in Reach 7 of the California Aqueduct for use on lands within the Kings portion of WWD's service area which is within the SWP place of use.		
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	TLBWSD (lead agency), DWR (responsible agency), WWD, Kings		
Exempt Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729		
Reasons why activity is exempt	a. State Water Project (SWP) long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers 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. There will be no change in land use.		
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