

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
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Project Title	Temporary Additional Point of Delivery of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's State Water Project Water Supplies to Littlerock Creek Irrigation District's Turnout for Storage and Future Recovery from the Adjudicated Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin (SWP #23022)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Littlerock Creek Irrigation District's (LCID) turnout(s) at Reach 21 of the California Aqueduct.
Location- County	Los Angeles County
Description of Activity	The project is a temporary additional point of delivery of a portion of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK) State Water Project (SWP) water supplies to LCID's turnout located in Reach 21 of the California Aqueduct during 2023. This turnout directly feeds into an adjudicated groundwater basin in the Antelope Valley region (Adjudicated Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin), where AVEK can store its SWP water supplies for later recovery for use in its service area.
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	AVEK (lead agency), LCID, and DWR (responsible agency)
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. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use. 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 delivery. d. There will be no change in land use.
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