

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<b>To:</b>	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	<b>From:</b>	Department of Water Resources Water Management 1516 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, California 95814
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<b>Project Title</b>	Transfer of 2,000 acre-feet of Santa Clara Valley Water District's Article 56 Carryover Water to Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (SWP #23018)
<b>Location- Specific</b>	From the Delta to Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK) turnout(s) at Reaches 18A to 22B of the California Aqueduct.
<b>Location- County</b>	Los Angeles, Kern, and Ventura Counties
<b>Description of Activity</b>	The project is for the transfer of 2,000 acre-feet of Santa Clara Valley Water District's (SCVWD) State Water Project Article 56 Carryover Water stored in San Luis Reservoir to AVEK.
<b>Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	SCVWD (lead agency), AVEK and DWR (responsible agency)
<b>Exempt Status</b>	<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
<b>Reasons why activity is exempt</b>	a. 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 delivery. d. There will be no change in land use.
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