

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	Transfer of 10,000 acre-feet of Santa Clara Valley Water District's Article 56 Carryover Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWP #23017)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) at Reach 12E of the California Aqueduct.
Location- County	Kern County
Description of Activity	The project is for the transfer of 10,000 acre-feet of Santa Clara Valley Water District's (SCVWD) State Water Project Article 56 Carryover Water stored in San Luis Reservoir to KCWA.
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	SCVWD (lead agency), KCWA, 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, 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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