

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	Conveyance of Non-Project Water to Kern County Water Agency Under Article 55 (SWP #23019)
Location- Specific	From O'Neill Forebay to Kern County Water Agency's turnout(s) in Reach 12E of the California Aqueduct
Location- County	Kern County
Description of Activity	Conveyance of up to 1,991 acre-feet of 2022 San Joaquin River Restoration Program Central Valley Project (CVP) water supplies (Non-Project Water) acquired from Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District to Cawelo Water District, a member unit of Kern County Water Agency (KCWA), under Article 55 of KCWA's Water Supply Contract with DWR. This Non-Project Water will be made available by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to DWR at O'Neill Forebay for subsequent delivery by DWR to KCWA's service area within the CVP place of use by February 28, 2024.
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	KCWA (lead agency), DWR (responsible agency), Reclamation
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 facility <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption
Reasons why activity is exempt	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> State Water Project long-term water supply contract includes provisions for conveyance of non-project water to SWP contractors. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities. The project will not support new development or a change in land use. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.
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