


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	From:	Department of Water Resources State Water Project Water Management 1516 9 th Street Sacramento, California 95814
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Project Title	Multi-Year Agreement for the Recovery of Dudley Ridge Water District's Stored Non-Project Water from the Kern Water Bank (SWP #22030)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Reach 8D of the California Aqueduct and/or San Luis Reservoir; Reach13B
Location- County	Kings and Kern Counties
Description of Activity	<p>The project allows for the recovery of Dudley Ridge Water District's (DRWD) non-State Water Project (SWP) supplies currently stored in the Kern Water Bank (KWB) for use in its service area through December 31, 2035. DRWD's non-SWP supplies stored in KWB include Kern River water, Central Valley Project water, and Friant-Kern Canal water (DRWD's Stored Non-Project Water). The recovery of DRWD's Stored Non-Project Water shall be accomplished using any of the following mechanisms:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) may retain a portion of DRWD's Stored Non-Project Water in exchange for a like amount of KCWA's approved Table A Water and/or Article 56 Carryover Water delivered by DWR to DRWD's turnout(s) in Reach 8D of the California Aqueduct; and/or 2. KCWA may pump in and introduce DRWD's Stored Non-Project Water into Reach 13B of the California Aqueduct which will become part of SWP supplies for delivery by DWR to downstream SWP contractors. In exchange, DWR will deliver a like amount of SWP water from the Delta to DRWD's turnout(s) in Reach 8D of the California Aqueduct. <p>DRWD may request that its Stored Non-Project Water be recovered and temporarily stored in San Luis Reservoir, instead of direct delivery to DRWD's turnout(s) on the California Aqueduct.</p>
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	DRWD (lead agency), DWR (responsible agency), and KCWA
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: California Water Code Section 1729
Reasons why activity is exempt	a. State Water Project long-term water supply contract includes provisions for conveyance of non-project water to 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. The proposed project is intended to meet the existing uses of water and will not result in a change in land use.
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Signature:  _____ John Leahigh Assistant Division Manager, Water Management Division of Operations and Maintenance State Water Project	Date: 5/31/2023 _____
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