

Empire West Side ID Transfer of SWP Table A Contract Amount  
from Tulare Lake Basin WSD

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**  
(reference to prior SCH #2023090554)

APPLICANT: Empire West Side Irrigation District

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21152  
of the Public Resources Code

PROJECT TITLE: Empire West Side ID Transfer of SWP Table A Contract  
Amount from Tulare Lake Basin WSD

CONTACT PERSON: Scott Sills, General Manager, Empire West Side Irrigation  
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**PROJECT LOCATION AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

EWSID proposes to accept a permanent transfer of 617 acre-feet of State Water Project (SWP) Table A Contract amount from TLBWSD. Both EWSID and TLBWSD are agricultural water purveyors with water supply contracts with the California Department of Water Resources for surface water supplies from the SWP. Ceil W Howe III, Erica J Howe, Ceil W Howe Jr., Geraldine M Howe, and Westlake Farms are landowners and have farming operations in TLBWSD, and have requested to permanently transfer the SWP Table A Contract amount associated with their lands in TLBWSD to a landowner and farming operation (Tachi Farms) in EWSID. The boards of directors of both districts have agreed to support the transfer of the SWP Table A Contract amount as requested by Westlake Farms.

**FINDINGS:**

This is to advise that the Lead Agency, Empire West Side Irrigation District has approved the above-described project on October 25, 2023 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were not made as a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.

Date Approved by Lead Agency: 10/25/23



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Scott Sills, General Manager  
Empire West Side Irrigation District