

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To:	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	From:	Department of Water Resources Water Management P.O. BOX 942836 Sacramento, California 95814
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Subject	Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with § 21108 of the Public Resource Code
Project Title	Permanent Transfer of 617 acre-feet of Maximum Annual Table A Amount from Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District to Empire West Side Irrigation District
State Clearinghouse Number(s)	SCH #2023090554
Lead Agency	Empire West Side Irrigation District 5065 19 1/2 Avenue Riverdale, California 93656
Project Location (include county)	Tulare and Kings Counties
Project Description	The project is a permanent transfer of 617 acre-feet of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's (Tulare's) State Water Project (SWP) Maximum Annual Table A Amount to Empire West Side Irrigation District (Empire). Tulare and Empire are SWP Contractors with long-term water supply contracts with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), which contracts allow for transfers of SWP water between SWP Contractors subject to DWR approval.
Determination	<p>This is to advise that DWR, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on April 8, 2024 and has made the following determinations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. 2. An Initial Study/Negative Declaration was prepared for this project by the Lead Agency pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. 3. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project. 4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project. 5. Findings were not made by DWR pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The Initial Study/Negative Declaration is available for review at the office of Empire West Side Irrigation District, 5065 19 1/2 Avenue, Riverdale, California 93656.

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