

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
Project Title	2023 Common Landowner Transfer between Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency and Kern County Water Agency on behalf of V Lions Operations LP. (SWP #23034)		
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) in Reaches 10 through 13B of the California Aqueduct.		
Location- County	Kern County		
Description of Activity	SWP #23034 approves the non-permanent Table A transfer of up to 30,000 acre-feet of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK) approved 2023 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to KCWA. The request was made on behalf of landowner V Lions Operations LP which farms in both AVEK and KCWA service areas. The delivery of AVEK's approved 2023 Table A water to KCWA under this Agreement will be completed by December 31, 2023 for use within the SWP Place of Use.		
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	AVEK (lead agency), KCWA, 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 facility <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729		
Reasons why activity is exempt	a. State Water Project long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use. b. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities. c. The project will not support new development or a change in land use. d. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.		
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