

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 Homer LLC (SWP #23033)		
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (Kern) turnout(s) in Reaches 9 through 16 of the California Aqueduct and/or Reach 31A of the California Aqueduct's Coastal Branch		
Location- County	Kern County		
Description of Activity	SWP #23033 approves the non-permanent Table A transfer of up to 9,500 acre-feet of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK) approved 2023 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to Kern. The request was made on behalf of landowner, Homer LLC, which farms in both AVEK and Kern service areas. The delivery of AVEK's approved 2023 Table A water to Kern under this Agreement shall 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), Kern, and the Department of Water Resources of the State of California (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. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers between 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 delivery. d. There will be no change in land use.		
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