

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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 94236-0001
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Project Title	Conveyance of Non-Project Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWP #23038)
Location- Specific	From O'Neill Forebay to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) in Reaches 9 through 14C of the California Aqueduct
Location- County	Kern County
Description of Activity	SWP #23038 is for the conveyance of up to 10,000 acre-feet of San Luis Water District's Central Valley Project (CVP) water (Non-Project Water) to KCWA under Article 55 of KCWA's Water Supply Contract with DWR. This Non-Project Water, acquired by Westside Mutual Water Company, will be delivered to Belridge Water Storage District. This Non-Project Water will be made available by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to DWR at O'Neill Forebay for subsequent delivery by DWR to KCWA's service area for use in the CVP place of use by February 29, 2024.
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	KCWA, DWR (responsible agency), Reclamation
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. 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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