

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 95814
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Project Title	Transfer of up to 15,000 acre-feet of Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's State Water Project 2023 Table A Water to Dudley Ridge Water District and/or Kern County Water Agency (SWP #23042)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Dudley Ridge Water District's (Dudley Ridge) turnout(s) at Reach 8D of the California Aqueduct and/or Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) at Reaches 9 through 16A of the California Aqueduct and Reach 31A of the California Aqueduct's Coastal Branch
Location- County	Kings and Kern Counties
Description of Activity	SWP Agreement #23042 provides for a non-permanent transfer of up to 15,000 acre-feet of Santa Clarita's approved 2023 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to the Westside Districts, which consists of Dudley Ridge and the following four KCWA member units: Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, and Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa Water Storage District. The delivery of water shall be completed by December 31, 2023 for use in Dudley Ridge's and/or KCWA's respective service areas.
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	Santa Clarita (lead agency), Dudley Ridge, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Belridge Water Storage District, Lost Hills Water District, Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa Water Storage District, KCWA, and 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 Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729
Reasons why activity is exempt	<p>a. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers between SWP contractors.</p> <p>b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery.</p> <p>c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed delivery.</p> <p>d. There will be no change in land use.</p>
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