

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 12,000 acre-feet of Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7's State Water Project 2023 Table A Water to Dudley Ridge Water District and/or Kern County Water Agency (SWP #23043)
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	Alameda, Kings and Kern Counties
Description of Activity	SWP Agreement #23043 provides for a non-permanent transfer of up to 12,000 acre-feet of Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7's (Zone 7) 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	Zone 7 (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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