


**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<b>To:</b>	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	<b>From:</b>	Department of Water Resources Water Management P.O. BOX 942836 Sacramento, California 95814
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<b>Project Title</b>	Transfer of up to 15,000 acre-feet of Santa Clara Valley Water District's State Water Project 2023 Table A Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWP #23047)
<b>Location- Specific</b>	From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) at Reaches 10A through 13B of the California Aqueduct
<b>Location- County</b>	Kern County
<b>Description of Activity</b>	SWP Agreement #23047 provides for a non-permanent transfer of up to 15,000 acre-feet of Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Santa Clara) approved 2023 State Water Project SWP Table A water to KCWA, on behalf of its member unit, Belridge Water Storage District (Belridge), and Westside Mutual Water Company (Westside), a mutual water company with members who are landowners within Belridge. The delivery of water shall be completed by December 31, 2023 for use in KCWA's service area.
<b>Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	Santa Clara (lead agency), KCWA, Belridge, Westside, and DWR (responsible agency)
<b>Exempt Status</b>	<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
<b>Reasons why activity is exempt</b>	<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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Signature:  _____ John Leahigh Assistant Division Manager, Water Management	Date: 11/21/2023 _____
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