Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District Notice of Exemption

То:	Kings C	Clerk of Kings Jounty Gov. Center I, CA 93230	State Clearing House State of California 1400 10 th Street Sacramento, CA 95814			
From:		Tulare Lake Basin Water	Storage District, 1001 Cha	ase Avenue Corcoran, CA 93212		
Project	Title:	Transfer of 5,000 a.f. of State Water Project Water		Storage District ("TLBWSD") 2023 District ("DRWD")		
Project Location - Specific: Dudley Ridge Water District Area						
Project	Location	- City: Corcoran	Project Location	on - County: Kings		
Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project : TLBWSD will transfer 5,000 a.f. of its 2023 State Water Project water to DRWD. Presently, TLBWSD landowner has a 2023 allocation of SWP water that it will not be able to use in 2023 and will not be able to carry over in SWP facilities into 2024. In order to prevent a loss of TLBWSD water, TLBWSD desires to deliver a portion of its unused water to DRWD. In return, TLBWSD landowner will have the opportunity to receive 3,750 a.f. of water in future years from DRWD. The transfer will be completed by December 31, 2023.						
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, Dudley Ridge Water District, California Department of Water Resources						
Name of	Person	or Agency Carrying Out	Project: Tulare Lake Bas	in Water Storage District		
Exempt Status:						
	Minist	terial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15	268);			
	Declar	red Emergency (Sec. 21080	0(b)(3); 15269(a));			
	Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));					
X	Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301);					
	Statuto	ory Exemption (CA Water	Code 1729)			
Reasons why project is exempt: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District has determined that there are no foreseeable environmental impacts, no new land has been developed, and there is no physical change associated with this project. The transfer is categorically exempt under CEQA since it involves the use and operation of an existing facility (CEQA Guidelines 15301).						
Lead Ag	ency Coi	ntact Person: Jacob Westr	Telepho	one: 559-992-4127		
 Attach certified document of exemption finding. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes 						
//	///	11	December 22, 2023	General Manager		
Signature			Date	Title		

Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District Finding of Exemption

Project Title:

Transfer 5,000 a.f. of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District 2023 State Water Project

Water to Dudley Ridge Water District

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Entity or Person Undertaking Project:

Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District

Jacob Westra

1001 Chase Avenue Corcoran, CA 93212 559-992-4127

Recommendation: Staff, having undertaken and completed a review of this project for CEQA compliance, has determined that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:

	1.	The proposed action does not constitute a project (Guidelines, section 15378).
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¥	3.	The project is an emergency project (Guidelines, sections 15269, 15359).
_X	4.	The project is categorically exempt (Guidelines, Article 19, sections 15300-15329) A. Applicable Exemption Class: 1
_X	5.	No foreseeable impacts on the environment (Guidelines, section 15061(b)(3)).
	6.	Statutory Exemption (CA Water Code 1729).

Brief statement of reasons why project is exempt: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District has determined that there are no foreseeable environmental impacts. Further, the transfer is categorically exempt under CEQA since it involves the use and operation of an existing facility (CEQA Guidelines 15301).

Name of Lead Agency: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District

Date: December 22, 2023

Jacob Westra, General Manager