

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

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 have 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.

Entity or Person Undertaking Project: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
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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).
- _____ 2. This project is a ministerial project (Guidelines, sections 15369, 15268).
- _____ 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