## Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk State Clearing House County of Kings State of California 1400 10th Street Kings County Gov. Center Hanford, CA 93230 Sacramento, CA 95814 From: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, 1001 Chase Ave., Corcoran, CA 93212 Project Title: Conveyance of up to 5,300 acre-feet (AF) of Central Valley Project (CVP) water stored in San Luis Reservoir to be conveyed in the California Aqueduct and delivered to Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (TLBWSD). Project Location - Specific: Service area of TLBWSD. Project Location – City: Corcoran Project Location – County: Kings Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: TLBWSD will take delivery of up to 5,300 AF of CVP water under Article 55 of its State Water Supply Contract. The water is stored in San Luis Reservoir on behalf of Fresno Slough Water District (up to 4,000 AF) and / or Angiola Water District (up to 4,000 AF) and Mercy Springs Water District (up to 1,300 AF). The water will be conveyed through the California Aqueduct and delivered to Angiola Water District, a member unit of TLBWSD, from Reaches 8C and 8D. Name of Public Agency Approving Project: TLBWSD Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: TLBWSD Exempt Status: Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268); Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301 Existing Facilities); Statutory Exemption (CA Water Code 1729) Reasons why project is exempt: TLBWSD has determined that there are no foreseeable environmental impacts and the transfer is categorically exempt under CEQA since it involves the use and operation of an existing facility (CEQA Guidelines 15301) and is a one year transfer under water code section 1729. Lead Agency Contact Person: Jacob Westra **Telephone**: 559-992-4127 If filed by applicant 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding. 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes January 9, 2024 General Manager

Date

Title

Signature

## Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District Finding of Exemption

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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	The project is categorically exempt (Guidelines, Article 19, sections 15300-15329) A. Applicable Exemption Class: 1
Χ	5. No foreseeable impacts on the environment (Guidelines, section 15061(b)(3)).
Х	6. Statutory Exemption (CA Water Code 1729).

**Brief statement of reasons why project is exempt:** The District has determined that 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: January 9, 2024

Jacob J. Westra, General Manager