

**Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
Finding of Exemption**

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).

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.

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).
- 4. The project is categorically exempt (Guidelines, Article 19, sections 15300-15329)
A. Applicable Exemption Class: 1
- 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: 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