Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District Notice of Exemption

To:		Clerk of Kings County Gov. Center	State Clearing House State of California 1400 10 th Street		
		l, CA 93230	Sacramento, CA 958	14	
From:		Tulare Lake Basin Wate	er Storage District, 1001	Chase Avenue Corcoran, CA 93212	
Project	Title:			/ater Storage District ("TLBWSD") 2024 rrigation District ("EWSID")	
Project	Location	n – Specific: Empire Wes	et Side Irrigation District	Area	
Project	Location	n – City:	Project Location – C	County: Kings	
State W Farms, I Water P	ater Proj LLC, a la roject Ta	ect Table A Water on be ndowner in EWSID. This ble A until the permanen	half of Westlake Farms, proposed transfer is to p t transfer is finalized. No	LBWSD will transfer 617 acre-feet of its Inc, a landowner in TLBWSD, to Tachi provide Tachi Farms, LLC access to State of lands will be fallowed as a result of the have been actively farmed in the past.	
		Agency Approving Proj t, California Department o		Water Storage District, Empire West Side	
Name o	f Person	or Agency Carrying Ou	ıt Project: Tulare Lake	Basin Water Storage District	
Exempt	Status:				
	Minis	terial (Sec. 21080(b)(1);	15268);		
	Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));				
	Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));				
X	Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301);				
	Statutory Exemption (CA Water Code 1729)				
foreseeal associate operation Lead Ag	ble envired with the of an execution	onmental impacts, no notice project. The transfer is disting facility (CEQA Guntact Person: Jacob We	ew land has been devel s categorically exempt unidelines 15301).	District has determined that there are no loped, and there is no physical change order CEQA since it involves the use and sphone: 559-992-4127	
		ch certified document of		gency approving the project? Yes	
//	///	110	January 30, 2024	General Manager	
Signature			Date	Title	

Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District Finding of Exemption

Project Title: Transfer of 617 acre-feet of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District ("TLBWSD") 2024 State Water Project Water to Empire West Side Irrigation District ("EWSID")

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: TLBWSD will transfer 617 acre-feet of its State Water Project Table A Water on behalf of Westlake Farms, Inc, a landowner in TLBWSD, to Tachi Farms, LLC, a landowner in EWSID. This proposed transfer is to provide Tachi Farms, LLC access to State

Water Project Table A until the permanent transfer is finalized. No lands will be fallowed as a result of the transfer and no additional groundwater will be pumped. The lands have been actively farmed in the past.

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
X	5. No foreseeable impacts on the environment (Guidelines, section 15061(b)(3)).
	6. Statutory Exemption (CA Water Code 1729).
	tatement 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 CEOA since it involves the use and operation of an existing facility (CEQA Guidelines 15301).

Name of Lead Agency: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District

January 30, 2024 Date: Jacob Westra, General Manager