


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	From:	Department of Water Resources Water Management P.O BOX 942836 Sacramento, California 94236-0001
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Project Title	Conveyance of Non-Project Water to Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (SWP #24011)
Location- Specific	From O'Neill Forebay to Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District 's (Tulare) turnout(s) in Reach 8C and/or Reach 8D of the California Aqueduct
Location- County	Kings County
Description of Activity	SWP #24011 is for the conveyance of up to 50,000 acre-feet of Cross Valley water (Non-Project Water) to Tulare under Article 55 of Tulare's Water Supply Contract with DWR. This Non-Project Water consists of up to 25,000 acre-feet of Lower Tule River Irrigation District's and up to 25,000 acre-feet of Pixley Irrigation District's 2024 Cross Valley water. This Non-Project Water will be made available by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to DWR at O'Neill Forebay for subsequent delivery by DWR to Tulare for use in the CVP place of use by February 28, 2025. If Tulare is unable to take full delivery of the Non-Project Water by February 28, 2025, Tulare may request DWR to temporarily store the remaining amount of the Non-Project Water in San Luis Reservoir in accordance with Tulare's Water Supply Contract, for later delivery to Tulare's turnout(s).
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	Tulare, DWR (responsible agency), Reclamation
Exempt Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729
Reasons why activity is exempt	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> State Water Project long-term water supply contract includes provisions for conveyance of non-project water to SWP contractors. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities. The project will not support new development or a change in land use. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.

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Signature:  _____ Molly White Assistant Division Manager, Water Management Division of Operations and Maintenance State Water Project	Date: 4/9/2024 _____
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