

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 95814
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Project Title	2024 Common Landowner Transfer between Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency and Kern County Water Agency on behalf of Tejon Ranch Company (SWP #24017)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA's) turnout(s) in Reaches 14A and/or 14B of the California Aqueduct
Location- County	Kern County
Description of Activity	SWP Agreement #24017 provides for a non-permanent transfer of up to 1,309 acre-feet of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK's) approved 2024 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to KCWA. The request was made on behalf of landowner Tejon Ranch Company, which owns land in both AVEK's and KCWA's service areas. The transfer of water shall be completed by December 31, 2024 for use in KCWA's service area.
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	AVEK (lead agency), KCWA, DWR (responsible agency)
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 Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729
Reasons why activity is exempt	<p>a. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers between SWP contractors.</p> <p>b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery.</p> <p>c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed delivery.</p> <p>d. There will be no change in land use.</p>
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