

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<b>To:</b>	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	<b>From:</b>	Department of Water Resources Water Management P.O BOX 942836 Sacramento, California 94236-0001
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<b>Project Title</b>	Amendment to the Agreement between Department of Water Resources and Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District to include Friant Recirculation Water as an additional source of Non-Project Water (SWP #24011-A)
<b>Location- Specific</b>	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
<b>Location- County</b>	Kings County
<b>Description of Activity</b>	<p>The original Agreement, SWP #24011, executed on April 2, 2024, sets forth the terms and conditions for the conveyance of up to 25,000 acre-feet of Lower Tule Irrigation District’s (Lower Tule’s) and up to 25,000 acre-feet of Pixley Irrigation District’s (Pixley’s) 2024 Cross Valley water, collectively referred to as “Non-Project Water,” to Tulare under Article 55 of Tulare’s Water Supply Contract with DWR. The Non-Project Water will be made available by the United Sates Bureau of Reclamation to DWR at O’Neill Forebay by February 28, 2025 for subsequent delivery by DWR to Tulare by December 31, 2025.</p> <p>SWP #24011-A amends the original Agreement to add Lower Tule’s and Pixley’s 2024 Friant Recirculation Water as a source of Non-Project Water that can be conveyed to Tulare.</p>
<b>Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	Tulare, DWR (responsible agency), Reclamation
<b>Exempt Status</b>	<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
<b>Reasons why activity is exempt</b>	<p>a. State Water Project long-term water supply contract includes provisions for conveyance of non-project water to SWP contractors.</p> <p>b. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities.</p> <p>c. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.</p> <p>d. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.</p>

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