

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 Kern County Water Agency (SWP #24031)
Location- Specific	From O'Neill Forebay to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) in Reaches 12E through 16A of the California Aqueduct
Location- County	Kern, Fresno, and Tulare Counties
Description of Activity	SWP #24031 provides for the conveyance of up to 500 acre-feet of Hills Valley Irrigation District's 2024 Central Valley Project (CVP) Cross Valley Contract water supply (Non-Project Water) to KCWA under Article 55 of KCWA's Water Supply Contract with DWR. This Non-Project Water will be delivered to KCWA, on behalf of its member unit, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District. 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 KCWA for use in the CVP place of use through February 28, 2025.
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	KCWA (lead agency), 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	a. State Water Project long-term water supply contract includes provisions for conveyance of non-project water to SWP contractors. b. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities. c. The project will not support new development or a change in land use. d. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.
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