

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	Transfer of 15,000 acre-feet of Santa Clara Valley Water District’s Article 56 Carryover Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWP #24023)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency’s (KCWA’s) turnout(s) in Reaches 10A through 13B of the California Aqueduct.
Location- County	Kern County
Description of Activity	SWP Agreement #24023 provides for the transfer of 15,000 acre-feet of Santa Clara Valley Water District’s (Santa Clara’s) State Water Project Article 56 Carryover Water stored in San Luis Reservoir to KCWA for delivery by December 31, 2024.
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	Santa Clara (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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. State Water Project long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers between SWP contractors. b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery. c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed delivery. d. There will be no change in land use as a result of this short-term transfer.
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