


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 Kern County Water Agency’s State Water Project Table A Water to Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (SWP #24030)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency’s (AVEK’s) turnout(s) located at Reaches 18A through 22B of the California Aqueduct.
Location- County	Los Angeles and Kern Counties
Description of Activity	The Agreement, SWP #24030, provides for the transfer of 5,333 acre-feet of Kern County Water Agency’s (KCWA’s) State Water Project Table A Water to AVEK by December 31, 2029, to facilitate a return of water under an expired water exchange agreement.
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	KCWA (lead agency), AVEK, DWR (responsible agencies)
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	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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