


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	Transfer of San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s State Water Project 2024 Table A Water and/or Article 56 Carryover Water to Dudley Ridge Water District and Kern County Water Agency (SWP #24032 and SWP #24033)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Dudley Ridge Water District’s (Dudley Ridge’s) turnout(s) at Reach 8D of the California Aqueduct and/or Kern County Water Agency’s (KCWA’s) turnout(s) at Reaches 9 through 16A of the California Aqueduct and Reach 31A of the California Aqueduct’s Coastal Branch of the State Water Project (SWP)
Location- County	San Luis Obispo, Kings, and Kern Counties
Description of Activity	<p>On September 10, 2024, San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (San Luis Obispo) and the Westside Districts, which consist of Dudley Ridge and the following four KCWA member units: Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, and Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa Water Storage District, entered into a “2024 Westside Districts/San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Transfer Agreement” (San Luis Obispo/Westside Agreement). The San Luis Obispo/Westside Agreement contains provisions governing the terms and conditions for the transfer of up to 13,500 acre-feet of San Luis Obispo’s 2024 SWP water supplies to the Westside Districts by December 31, 2024. San Luis Obispo has requested that DWR approve this arrangement as two separate transfer agreements under Article 56 of San Luis Obispo’s, Dudley Ridge’s, and KCWA’s respective Water Supply Contracts as follows: (1) a transfer of up to 8,500 acre-feet of San Luis Obispo’s 2024 Table A Water to Dudley Ridge and/or KCWA; and (2) a transfer of 5,000 acre-feet of San Luis Obispo’s Article 56 Carryover Water to KCWA, on behalf of the four KCWA member units that make up the Westside Districts.</p> <p>SWP #24032 provides for the transfer and delivery of up to 8,500 acre-feet of San Luis Obispo’s 2024 Table A Water to Dudley Ridge and/or KCWA. SWP #24033 provides for the transfer and delivery of 5,000 acre-feet of San Luis Obispo’s 2024 Article 56 Carryover Water to KCWA.</p>
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	San Luis Obispo (lead agency); KCWA, Dudley Ridge, and 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 facility <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 as a result of this short-term transfer.</p>
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Signature:  <hr/> Molly White Assistant Division Manager, Water Management Division of Operations and Maintenance State Water Project	Date: 12/30/2024 <hr/>
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