

### 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>	Conveyance of Non-Project Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWP #25002)
<b>Location- Specific</b>	From O'Neill Forebay to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) in Reaches 10A through 13B of the California Aqueduct
<b>Location- County</b>	Kern County
<b>Description of Activity</b>	SWP #25002 provides for the conveyance of up to 10,000 acre-feet of Westlands Water District's 2024-2025 Central Valley Project (CVP) water (Non-Project Water) to KCWA under Article 55 of KCWA's Water Supply Contract with DWR. This Non-Project Water will be delivered to the Kern Water Bank and/or Belridge Water Storage District, a member unit of KCWA. This Non-Project Water will be made available by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to DWR at O'Neill Forebay for delivery by DWR to KCWA for use in the CVP place of use through February 28, 2025.
<b>Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	KCWA (lead agency), 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>	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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