

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| 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 Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (SWP #25003) |
| Location- Specific | From O'Neill Forebay to Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's (Tulare) turnout(s) in Reach 8C and/or Reach 8D of the California Aqueduct |
| Location- County | Kings County |
| Description of Activity | SWP #25003 provides for the conveyance of up to 82,204 acre-feet of Central Valley Project (CVP) water (Non-Project Water) to Tulare under Article 55 of Tulare's Water Supply Contract with DWR. This Non-Project Water consists of up to 20,000 acre-feet of Lower Tule River Irrigation District's (Lower Tule's) 2025 San Joaquin River Restoration Program Recapture water, up to 31,102 acre-feet of Lower Tule's 2025 Cross Valley Contract water, and up to 31,102 acre-feet of Pixley Irrigation District 2025 Cross Valley Contract water acquired by Tulare. 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 Tulare through February 28, 2026 for use in the CVP place of use. |
| Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity | Tulare (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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