

**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 95814
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<b>Project Title</b>	2025 Common Landowner Transfer between Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District and Kern County Water Agency on behalf of Sandridge Partners (SWP #25010)
<b>Location- Specific</b>	From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA's) turnout(s) in Reaches 9A through 13B of the California Aqueduct and/or Reach 31A of the California Aqueduct's Coastal Branch of State Water Project (SWP).
<b>Location- County</b>	Kern County
<b>Description of Activity</b>	SWP Agreement #25010 provides for a non-permanent transfer of up to 4,000 acre-feet of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's (Tulare's) 2025 SWP Table A water to KCWA. The request was made on behalf of landowner Sandridge Partners, which farms in both Tulare's and KCWA's service areas. The transfer of water shall be completed by December 31, 2025 for use in KCWA's service area.
<b>Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	Tulare (lead agency), KCWA, DWR (responsible agency)
<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 Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729
<b>Reasons why activity is exempt</b>	<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.</p>
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