

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Department of Water Resources
State Water Project Analysis Office
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Project Title: Conveyance of up to 3,000 acre-feet of Central Valley Project Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #19004)

Location – Specific: From the Delta to Reaches 10A through 13B of the California Aqueduct.

Location – County: Kern County

Description of Activity: California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will convey up to 3,000 acre-feet of Central Valley Project (CVP) water supplies to Kern County Water Agency (KCWA). This water is being made available by Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District for delivery to Semitropic Water Storage District, a member unit of KCWA. CVP water will be made available to DWR by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) at O'Neill Forebay for subsequent delivery by DWR to KCWA's turnout(s) in accordance with Article 55 of KCWA's Water Supply Contract with DWR.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: KCWA (lead agency), Reclamation, DWR (responsible agency)

Exempt Status:


- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility
- Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729

Reason 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. No construction is required to implement the proposed conveyance.
- c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed change in points of delivery.
- d. There will be no change in land use.

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