

Notice of Exemption

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Appendix E



To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles
12400 East Imperial Hwy, Rm 2001
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency):
Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK)
6500 West Avenue N, Palmdale, CA 93551
(Address)

Project Title: Common Landowner Transfer SWP Supplies-AVEK/KCWA 2019 15,000 AF

Project Applicant: Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK)

Project Location - Specific:
Kern and Los Angeles Counties. Program will occur within service boundaries of AVEK Water Agency and Kern County Water Agency (KCWA).

Project Location - City: Various Project Location - County: Kern, Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
To improve water supply and reliability for its customer, Homer LLC, Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) will transfer up to 15,000 Acre-Ft of SWP supply to Kern County Water Agency(KCWA) in 2019. Water will be delivered through KCWA's SWP turnouts along the California Aqueduct.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Ca. Dept. of Water Resources, AVEK, & KCWA

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: AVEK Water Agency & KCWA

- Exempt Status: (check one):
[ ] Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
[ ] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
[ ] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Sec. 15301: Existing Facilities
[ ] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
This program is exempt from CEQA pursuant to a Class 1 categorical exemption (14 C.C.R. § 15301) because it involves the use of existing publicly owned water facilities within the boundaries of AVEK and KCWA. Water storage or exchange involves imported water delivered through the SWP Calif. Aqueduct that would otherwise be consumed or stored by AVEK.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Tom Barnes Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-943-3201

- If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 5/30/2019 Title: Water Resources Manager

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.