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**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Mark Gilkey **Telephone:** 559-992-4127

**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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

May 28, 2019  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Assistant General Manager  
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Title

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**Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District  
Finding of Exemption**

**Project Title:** Conveyance of 2019 SWP Water to Growers in Kern County Water Agency to Complete an Exchange of Surface Water Supplies.

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** Growers in Kern County Water Agency intend to purchase up to 35,000 acre-feet of local surface water delivered into Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District. In exchange, a comparable amount of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's State Water Project water will be conveyed through the California Aqueduct and delivered to lands in Kern County Water Agency. The exchange will be completed in early 2019.

**Entity or Person Undertaking Project:** Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District  
Mark Gilkey  
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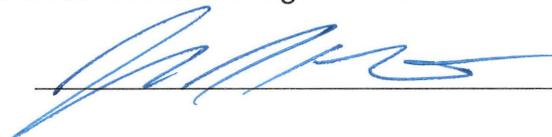
**Recommendation:** Staff, having undertaken and completed a review of this project for CEQA compliance, has determined that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:

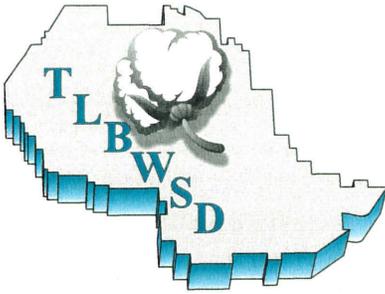
- 1. The proposed action does not constitute a project (Guidelines, section 15378).
- 2. This project is a ministerial project (Guidelines, sections 15369, 15268).
- 3. The project is an emergency project (Guidelines, sections 15269, 15359).
- 4. The project is categorically exempt (Guidelines, Article 19, sections 15300-15329)  
A. Applicable Exemption Class: 1
- 5. No foreseeable impacts on the environment (Guidelines, section 15061(b)(3)).
- 6. Statutory Exemption (CA Water Code 1729).

**Brief statement of reasons why project is exempt:** The District has determined that there are no foreseeable environmental impacts. This single year delivery of SWP water is also exempt from CEQA under Water Code Section 1729. Further, the exchange is categorically exempt under CEQA since it involves the use and operation of existing facilities (CEQA Guidelines 15301).

**Name of Lead Agency:** Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District

Date: May 28, 2019





# TULARE LAKE BASIN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

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May 30, 2019

State Clearing House  
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Re: Posting of Notice of Exemption  
Exchange – up to 35,000 a.f.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please post the enclosed Notice of Exemption for 30 days. Please return with confirmation of posting after 30 days. *- NO return envelope.*

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jacob J. Westra  
Assistant General Manager

Enclosures

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