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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Kern
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

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

Project Title: AVEK Water Agency - Transfer SWP Supplies 2019 2,500 AF

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

Project Location - Specific:
Kern and Los Angeles Counties. Transfer 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:
A transfer of up to 2,500 Acre-Ft of AVEK's SWP Water supply will be made to Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) in 2019 for the benefit of Tejon Ranch Co., a landowner within the two agencies. 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 transfer 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 transfer 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: [Signature] Date: 8/5/2019 Title: Water Resources Manager

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

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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