

2019100113

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County of: Los Angeles  
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**From:** (Public Agency): \_\_\_\_\_  
Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK)  
6500 West Avenue N, Palmdale, CA 93551

(Address)

Project Title: Amend SWPAO#19002 Exchange for an Additional 7,000 AF (23,000 AF Total)

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:

AVEK will transfer an add'l 7,000 AF, or 23,000 AF total after amendment, of SWP Water to KCWA in 2019 (for benefit of KCWA member agency) in exchange. Up to 2,333 AF, or 7,666 AF total, will return to AVEK within 5 years. Water will be delivered using SWP turnouts along the CA Aqueduct. All other terms remain the same.

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Sec. 15301: Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

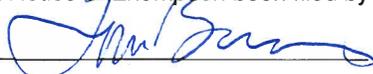
Reasons why project is exempt:

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:  Date: 10/3/2019 Title: Water Resources Manager

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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: **OCT 03 2019**

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