

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**Project Title:** Unbalanced Exchange of State Water Project Table A Water between Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency and Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (SWPAO #19032)

**Location – Specific:** From the Delta to Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's (SCVWA) turnout(s) at Reach 30 of the California Aqueduct and Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK) turnout(s) at Reaches 18A through 22B of the California Aqueduct.

**Location – County:** Los Angeles and Kern Counties

**Description of Activity:** Under the proposed water exchange, up to 7,500 acre-feet of SCVWA's approved 2019 SWP Table A water (2019 Table A Water) will be delivered to AVEK by December 31, 2019. In exchange, AVEK will return to SCVWA, based on an unbalance exchange ratio of 2:1, up to 3,750 acre-feet of its future approved SWP Table A water. That is, for every 2 acre-feet of SCVWA's 2019 Table A Water delivered to AVEK, 1 acre-foot will be returned by AVEK to SCVWA by December 31, 2029.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity:** SCVWA (lead agency), AVEK, and 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. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities.
- b. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.
- c. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.
- d. The project is entirely within the SWP place of use.

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