

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Project Title:** Unbalanced Water Exchange of Approved State Water Project Table A Water between Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency and Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #19037)

**Location – Specific:** From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency’s (KCWA) turnouts in Reach 12E and to Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency’s (SCVWA) turnouts in Reach 30 of the California Aqueduct

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

**Description of Activity:** Under the proposed water exchange, up to 25,000 acre-feet of SCVWA approved 2019 SWP Table A water will be delivered to KCWA by December 31, 2019. In exchange, KCWA will return to SCVWA, based on an unbalanced exchange ratio of 2 to 1, up to 12,500 acre-feet of its approved 2020-2029 SWP Table A Water prior to December 31, 2029.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity:** SCVWA (Lead Agency), Kern County Water Agency, and the Department of Water Resources of the State of California (Responsible Agency).

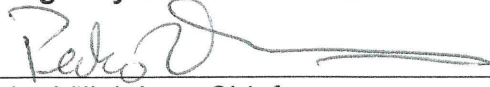
**Exempt Status:**

- 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.

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