

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Common Landowner Transfer of up to 10,000 acre-feet of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District's Approved 2019 State Water Project Table A Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #20001)

Location – Specific: From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnouts at Reaches 12E and 13B of the California Aqueduct.

Location – County: Kern County

Description of Activity: Under the proposed project, up to 10,000 acre-feet of TLBWSD's approved 2020 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water (TLBWSD's 2020 Table A Water) will be transferred to KCWA by December 31, 2020. The request was made on behalf of landowner JG Boswell Company, which farms in both TLBWSD's and KCWA's service areas. JG Boswell Company will use the transferred water to better manage its water supplies.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: TLBWSD (lead agency), KCWA, and the Department of Water Resources (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.

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