Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District Notice of Exemption

То:	Kings C	Clerk of Kings Jounty Gov. Center I, CA 93230	State Clearing House State of California 1400 10 th Street Sacramento, CA 95814		
From:		Tulare Lake Basin Water	Storage District, 1001 Chas	se Avenue, Corcoran, CA 93212	
Project	Title:	Common Landowner Trai Water to County of Kings		TLBWSD 2023 State Water Project	
Project Location - Specific: State Water Project Service Area of the County of Kings.					
Project Location - City: Corcoran			Project Location	n – County: Kings	
Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project : The Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (Tulare Lake) will transfer up to 6,000 a.f. of its 2023 State Water Project water to the County of Kings who farms in both districts. The transfer will be completed by December 31, 2023. No lands will be fallowed as a result of the transfer and no additional groundwater will be pumped. The lands have been actively farmed in the past.					
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District, County of kings, California Department of Water Resources					
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District					
Exempt Status:					
	Minis	terial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15	5268);		
	Decla	Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));			
	Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));				
X	Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301);				
X	Statut	ory Exemption (CA Water	r Code 1729)		
Reasons why project is exempt: Tulare Lake has determined that there are no foreseeable environmental impacts, because both lands have been actively farmed, no new land has been developed, no additional groundwater will be pumped, and there is no physical change associated with this project. The single year transfer is also exempt from CEQA under Water Code Section 1729. Further, the transfer is categorically exempt under CEQA since it involves the use and operation of an existing facility (CEQA Guidelines 15301).					
Lead Agency Contact Person: Chantal Ouellet Telephone: 559-992-4127					
If filed by applicant 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding. 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding. 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes					
/ Ho	WI	applet	January 25, 2023	Assistant General Manager	
Signatur	re		Date	Title	

Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District Finding of Exemption

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Entity or Person Undertaking Project: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District

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Recommendation: Staff, having undertaken and completed a review of this project for CEQA compliance, has determined that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:

	1. The proposed action does not constitute a project (Guidelines, section 15378).
	2. This project is a ministerial project (Guidelines, sections 15369, 15268).
	3. The project is an emergency project (Guidelines, sections 15269, 15359).
Х	 The project is categorically exempt (Guidelines, Article 19, sections 15300-15329) A. Applicable Exemption Class: 1
X	5. No foreseeable impacts on the environment (Guidelines, section 15061(b)(3)).
X	6. Statutory Exemption (CA Water Code 1729).

Brief statement of reasons why project is exempt: Tulare Lake has determined that there are no foreseeable environmental impacts. The single year transfer is also exempt from CEQA under Water Code Section 1729. Further, the transfer is categorically exempt under CEQA since it involves the use and operation of an existing facility (CEQA Guidelines 15301).

Name of Lead Agency: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District

Date: January 25, 2023

Chantal Ouellet, Assistant General Manager