

**Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
Finding of Exemption**

Project Title: Conveyance of up to 8,000 acre-feet of Cross Valley Water stored in San Luis Reservoir

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (TLBWSD) stored up to 8,000 acre-feet of Cross Valley Water (CV) in TLBWSD State Storage in San Luis Reservoir, under our State Water Supply Contract. TLBWSD previously filed a notice of exemption (2025010764) and executed SWPAO agreement #25003 that allowed delivery of this water under Article 55 and store any water not delivered by 2/28/2026, however the agreement did not specify a deadline for completion of those deliveries. TLBWSD is requesting the water stored in San Luis reservoir under agreement #25003 be conveyed through the California Aqueduct and delivered to TLBWSD by 12/31/2026.

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).
- 4. The project is categorically exempt (Guidelines, Article 19, sections 15300-15329)
A. Applicable Exemption Class: 1
- 5. No foreseeable impacts on the environment (Guidelines, section 15061(b)(3)).
- 6. Statutory Exemption (CA Water Code 1729).

Brief statement of reasons why project is exempt: TLBWSD has determined that there are no foreseeable environmental impacts since absent the exchange TLBWSD would deliver its local supplies for use on District lands. 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: February 27, 2026



Jacob Westra, General Manager