

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<b>To:</b>	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	<b>From:</b>	Department of Water Resources Water Management P.O. BOX 942836 Sacramento, California 95814
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<b>Project Title</b>	Agreement among the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District and Kern County Water Agency for Transfer and Storage of a Portion of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District’s State Water Project Water in Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District’s Water Banking and Exchange Program (SWP #25001)
<b>Location- Specific</b>	From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency’s (KCWA) turnout(s) in Reach 12E of the California Aqueduct and Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District’s (Tulare) turnout(s) in Reach 8D of the California Aqueduct
<b>Location- County</b>	Kern County, Kings County
<b>Description of Activity</b>	The project is for the delivery and storage of up to 10,000 acre-feet of Tulare’s State Water Project water (SWP Water) to the Rosedale-Tulare Banking and Exchange Program by December 31, 2025, and for recovery of a portion of that stored water less applicable losses through December 31, 2035. For every two acre-feet of Tulare’s SWP Water delivered for storage, one acre-foot of that water will be retained by Rosedale. Tulare will recover the remaining one-half of its stored water, minus losses, for use in its service area. The Rosedale-Tulare Banking and Exchange Program is valid through December 31, 2035, or until Tulare has recovered all of its stored water.
<b>Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (lead agency), DWR (Responsible Agency)
<b>Exempt Status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729
<b>Reasons why activity is exempt</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers between SWP contractors and temporary storage in groundwater storage facilities.</li> <li>b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery.</li> <li>c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed delivery.</li> </ol>

	d. There will be no change in land use.
<b>Responsible Agency Contact Person</b>	Patrick Luzuriaga Telephone: 916-820-7778

Signature: <i>Molly White</i> _____ Molly White Assistant Division Manager, Water Management Division of Operations and Maintenance State Water Project	Date: 6/4/2025 _____
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