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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

NAPA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
804 FIRST STREET, NAPA CA 94559

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**PROJECT TITLE:** Water Purchase and Sale between Kern County Water Agency, Westside Districts and Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

**PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC:** Various State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP) Facilities, see Attachment 1.

**PROJECT LOCATION – CITY (NEAREST):** VARIOUS

**PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY:** NAPA AND KERN

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** To execute an agreement between Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Napa), Kern County Water Agency (KCWA), Westside Districts and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for a water transfer through the State Water Project. The agreement would allow delivery of up to 6,000 acre-feet of SWP water to KCWA, Westside Districts.

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** Christopher Silke, P.E., Engineering Manager  
**ADDRESS:** 804 First Street, Napa CA 94558 **PHONE:** (707) 259-8600

**EXEMPT STATUS (CHECK ONE):** (Also, see Appendix B of the *Napa Co Local Procedures for Implementing CEQA*)

- Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15268(b)(c)];
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: **Class (Type): 1 Section #: 15301**
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- General Rule: [Sec.15061(b)(3)]

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The proposed improvements are considered Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 CCR Section 15301. The proposed project consists of the contractual right to transfer water through the continued operation of existing water supply diversion, storage and conveyance facilities and would not expand Napa or KCWA, Westside Districts water supply use. Construction of new, expanded or modified facilities is not required to implement the project.

None of the exceptions defined in Section 15300.2 would occur. The project is not located near a scenic highway or on a hazardous waste site. There is no reasonable possibility that the activities related to the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Also, no significant cumulative impacts are anticipated over time due to successive projects of the same type in the same place.

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Signature: Christopher Silke Date: 07/21/2025 Title: Engineering Manager  
Christopher Silke, PE

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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