

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation Attn: State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814	From:	Department of Water Resources Water Management P.O. BOX 942836 Sacramento, California 95814
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Project Title	Transfer of Santa Clara Valley Water District’s 2025 State Water Project Table A Water to Dudley Ridge Water District and/or Kern County Water Agency (SWP #25027)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency’s (KCWA) turnout(s) at Reaches 9A through 13B of the California Aqueduct and Reach 31A of the California Aqueduct’s Coastal Branch and/or Dudley Ridge Water District’s (Dudley Ridge) turnout(s) at Reach 8D of the California Aqueduct of the State Water Project (SWP).
Location- County	Kings and Kern Counties
Description of Activity	SWP Agreement #25027 provides for a non-permanent transfer of up to 20,000 acre-feet of Santa Clara Valley Water District’s (Santa Clara’s) approved 2025 SWP Table A water to KCWA and/or Dudley Ridge for the benefit and use of Dudley Ridge, KCWA member units Lost Hills Water District (Lost Hills) and Berrenda Mesa Water District (Berrenda Mesa), and Westside Mutual Water Company, a mutual water company with members who are landowners within Berrenda Mesa, Lost Hills, and Dudley Ridge. The transfer of water shall be completed by December 31, 2025.
Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying out Activity	Santa Clara (local agency), KCWA (local agency), Dudley Ridge (local agency), DWR (state agency)
Exempt Status	<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
Reasons why activity is exempt	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers between SWP contractors. b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery. c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed delivery. d. There will be no change in land use.
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