

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<b>To:</b>	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation Attn: State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, California 95814	<b>From:</b>	Department of Water Resources Water Management P.O. BOX 942836 Sacramento, California 95814
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<b>Project Title</b>	Transfer of Solano County Water Agency’s 2025 State Water Project Table A Water and/or Article 56 Carryover Water to Dudley Ridge Water District and Kern County Water Agency (SWP #25029, SWP #25030, and SWP #25036)
<b>Location- Specific</b>	From the Delta to Dudley Ridge Water District’s (Dudley Ridge’s) turnout(s) at Reach 8D of the California Aqueduct and/or Kern County Water Agency’s (KCWA’s) turnout(s) at Reaches 9A through 16A of the California Aqueduct and Reach 31A of the California Aqueduct’s Coastal Branch of the State Water Project (SWP).
<b>Location- County</b>	Kings and Kern Counties
<b>Description of Activity</b>	On September 2, 2025, Solano and the Westside Districts, which consist of Dudley Ridge and four KCWA member units (Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, and Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa Water Storage District) entered into a “Term Sheet for Water Purchase Between SCWA and the Westside Districts” (Solano/Westside Agreement). The Solano/Westside Agreement contains provisions governing the terms and conditions for the transfer of up to 650 acre-feet of Solano’s 2025 Table A Water and for the transfer of up to 9,000 acre-feet of Solano’s Article 56 Carryover Water to the Westside Districts. DWR has approved the transfers under the Solano/Westside Agreement under three separate transfer agreements as follows: (1) SWP #25029 provides for the transfer and delivery of up to 650 acre-feet of Solano’s approved 2025 Table A water to Dudley Ridge and/or KCWA; (2) SWP #25030 provides for the transfer and delivery of 7,481 acre-feet of Solano’s Article 56 Carryover Water to KCWA; and (3) SWP #25036 provides for the transfer and delivery of 1,519 acre-feet of Solano’s Article 56 Carryover Water to Dudley Ridge. Deliveries shall be completed by December 31, 2025.
<b>Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	Solano (local agency), Dudley Ridge (local agency), KCWA (local agency), DWR (state 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>	<ul 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.</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><li>d. There will be no change in land use.</li></ul>
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