

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 Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's 2025 State Water Project Table A Water to Dudley Ridge Water District and/or Kern County Water Agency (SWP #25038)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Dudley Ridge Water District's (Dudley Ridge) turnout(s) at Reach 8D of the California Aqueduct and/or Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) at Reaches 9 through 16A of the California Aqueduct and Reach 31A of the California Aqueduct's Coastal Branch of the State Water Project (SWP).
Location- County	Kings and Kern Counties
Description of Activity	SWP Agreement #25038 provides for a non-permanent transfer of up to 25,000 acre-feet of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK) approved 2025 SWP Table A water to the Westside Districts, which consists of Dudley Ridge and the following four KCWA member units: Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, and Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa Water Storage District. The transfer of water shall be completed by December 31, 2025.
Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying out Activity	AVEK (local agency), Dudley Ridge (local agency), KCWA (local agency), DWR (state agency)
Exempt Status	☐ Ministerial ☐ Declared Emergency ☐ Emergency Project ☒ Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities ☐ Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729
Reasons why activity is exempt	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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