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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation Attn: State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, California 95814	**From:**	Department of Water Resources Water Management P.O. BOX 942836 Sacramento, California 95814

Project Title	Transfer of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's 2025 State Water Project Table A Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWP #25039)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA's) turnout(s) in Reaches 10 through 13B of the California Aqueduct of State Water Project (SWP).
Location- County	Kern County
Description of Activity	SWP Agreement #25039 provides for a non-permanent transfer of up to 10,000 acre-feet of Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK's) approved 2025 SWP Table A water to KCWA. The request was made on behalf of landowner V Lions Operations, LP, which owns land in KCWA's service area. The transfer of water shall be completed by December 31, 2025.
Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying out Activity	AVEK (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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