

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Fresno, Kings

From: (Public Agency): State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights, P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812

(Address)

Project Title: Dudley Ridge Water District Temporary Water Transfer

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Project Location - Specific:

South of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Fresno and Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

DWR proposes to transfer up to 10,166 acre-feet of Dudley Ridge Water District's allocated State Water Project supply by adding Westlands Water District and San Luis Water District as places of use to DWR Permit 16482 (Application 17512).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: DWR

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: section 15282(u), CA Water Code section 1729

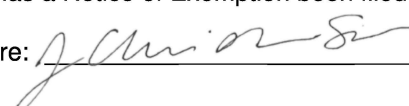
Reasons why project is exempt:

Temporary transfers of water under Water Code section 1725, et seq. are exempt from the requirements of Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) of the Public Resources Code (CEQA Guidelines section 15282).

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Patricia Fernandez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 319-9141

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature:  Date: 7/16/2026 Title: Deputy Director

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____