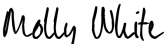


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title	Transfer of Central Coast Water Authority's 2026 State Water Project Table A Water and/or Article 56 Carryover Water to Dudley Ridge Water District and Kern County Water Agency (SWP #26028, SWP #26029, and SWP #26030)
Location- Specific	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 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 #26028, #26029, and #26030 collectively provide for a transfer of Central Coast Water Authority's (CCWA's) approved 2026 SWP Table A Water and Article 56 Carryover Water to KCWA and Dudley Ridge, on behalf of the Westside Districts, through December 31, 2026, as follows: • SWP #26028 provides for the transfer and delivery of up to 20,469 acre-feet of CCWA's approved 2026 Table A water to Dudley Ridge and/or KCWA; • SWP #26029 provides for the transfer and delivery of 1,640 acre-feet of CCWA's Article 56 Carryover Water to Dudley Ridge; and • SWP #26030 provides for the transfer and delivery of 7,960 acre-feet of CCWA's Article 56 Carryover Water to KCWA, on behalf of its member units that make up the Westside Districts (Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, and Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa Water Storage District).
Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying out Activity	CCWA (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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