

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Water Resource
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Project Title: Amendment No. 1 to extend SWPAO #11006's Term (SWPAO #11006-A).

Location – Specific: From the Delta to Santa Barbara's turnout(s) located in the California Aqueduct's Coastal Branch.

Location – County: Santa Barbara County

Description of Activity:

The original Agreement, SWPAO #11006, executed May 16, 2011, sets forth the terms and conditions for the delivery of up to 7,000 acre-feet of Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's (Santa Barbara) 2010 carryover water to Palmdale Water District (PWD) at O'Neill Forebay for conveyance to Kern County Water Agency (KCWA), in exchange for the return of an equal amount of PWD's future approved State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to Santa Barbara by December 31, 2021. The Amendment to SWPAO #11006 extends the term from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2024.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: Central Coast Water Authority (lead agency), Santa Barbara, PWD, and DWR (responsible agency)

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility
- Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729

Reason why activity is exempt:

- a. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including for exchanges of SWP Table A water 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 change in points of delivery.
- d. There will be no change in land use.

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