

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO:	FROM: Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	(Public Agency)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sacramento County Clerk 600 8th Street Sacramento, CA 95814	Address 1121 L Street, Suite 1045 Sacramento, CA 95814

1. Project Title:	Engineering, design, geotechnical, environmental and similar services in support of the environmental analysis by the Department of Water Resources for a potential Delta conveyance project
2. Project Applicant:	Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	Various locations within Sacramento, Yolo, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Solano Counties.
4. (a) Project Location – City:	(b) Project Location – Counties: Sacramento, Yolo, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Solano
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	Approval of an amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority (Authority) to allow the Authority provide planning, environmental support and outreach services to DWR as it conducts an environmental process to consider a Delta conveyance project and alternatives.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Department of Water Resources and Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority
8. Exempt status: (check one)	

(a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial project.	
(b)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not a project.	(Pub. Res. Code § 21065; State CEQA Guidelines § 15378)
(c)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Project.	
(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	(State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15306 (Class 6), 15382. 15061(b)(3))
(e)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency.	
(f)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	(Pub. Res. Code §§ 21102, 21150; State CEQA Guidelines §§ 15262)
(g)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Explanation:	
9.	Reason why project was exempt:		<p>The activity is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines section 15262 because it entails feasibility and planning studies for a potential Delta conveyance project and possible future actions which DWR and the Authority have not approved, adopted, or funded.</p> <p>The activity is categorically exempt from CEQA because the approval and activities will have no significant effect on the environment as defined in Public Resources Code section 21068 and CEQA Guidelines section 15382.</p> <p>The activity is categorically exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines section 15306 because it entails field work, geotechnical surveys, and ancillary services to evaluate alternatives for new Delta water conveyance facilities, and will have no serious or major disturbance of any environmental resource.</p> <p>The activity is also exempt from CEQA under the common-sense exemption in CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because there is no possibility that the planning and feasibility studies will have a significant effect on the environment.</p> <p>Lastly, the activity is not a "project" under CEQA Guidelines section 15378 because the activity does not involve a commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Furthermore, the Project will not result in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment.</p>
10.	Public Agency Contact Person:		Kathryn Mallon, Executive Director
	Telephone:		(916) 347-0486
11.	If filed by applicant: Attach certified document of exemption finding.		
12.	This Notice of Exemption is being filed by the public agency approving the project		
13.	Was a public meeting held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

If yes, the date of the public meeting was: June 20, 2019

Date: June 24, 2019

Signature: Katrina Melen

Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: _____

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