

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Temporary Additional Point of Delivery of Palmdale Water District's 2019vState Water Project Table A Water (SWPAO #19007)

Location – Specific: From the Delta to approximately Milepost 366.53 in Reach 22B of the California Aqueduct's East Branch

Location – County: Los Angeles County

Description of Activity: The Department of Water Resources of the State of California (DWR) will deliver of up to 2,000 acre-feet of Palmdale Water District's (PWD) approved 2019 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's (AVEK) temporary diversion facility at approximately Milepost 366.53 in Reach 22B of the California Aqueduct's East Branch (Big Rock Creek Siphon Temporary Turnout). The Big Rock Creek Siphon Temporary Turnout directly feeds into an adjudicated groundwater basin in the Antelope Valley region (Adjudicated Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin), which PWD can store its SWP water supplies in and recover later using its own pumping wells for use in its service area. The delivery of PWD's approved SWP Table A water to Big Rock Creek Siphon Temporary Turnout shall be completed by December 31, 2019.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: PWD (lead agency), AVEK, 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. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities.
- b. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.
- c. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.
- d. The project is not expected to have any significant effects on the environment.

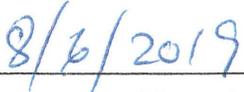
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