

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Department of Water Resource  
State Water Project Analysis Office  
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**Project Title:** Unbalanced Water Exchange of Approved State Water Project Table A Water between Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and Mojave Water Agency (SWPAO #20004)

**Location – Specific:** From the Delta to Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District’s (Santa Barbara) turnout(s) in Reach 33A of the California Aqueduct’s Coastal Branch and Mojave Water Agency’s (MWA) turnout(s) in Reaches 22B and 24 of the California Aqueduct.

**Location – County:** Santa Barbara and San Bernardino Counties

**Description of Activity:** Under the proposed water exchange, up to 1,000 acre-feet of MWA’s approved 2020 SWP Table A water (MWA’s 2020 Table A Water) will be delivered to Santa Barbara by December 31, 2020. In exchange, Santa Barbara will return to MWA, based on an unbalanced exchange ratio of 4 to 1, up to 250 acre-feet of its approved 2021-2030 SWP Table A water (Santa Barbara’s Future Table A Water). That is, for every 4 acre-feet of MWA’s 2020 Table A Water delivered to Santa Barbara, 1 acre-foot will be returned by Santa Barbara to MWA by December 31, 2030.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity:** MWA (lead agency), Santa Barbara, The Department of Water Resources of the State of California (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.

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