

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**From:** Department of Water Resource  
State Water Project Analysis Office  
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**Project Title:** Amendment to the 2007 Exchange Agreement among Department of Water Resources, Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, and Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency to Include an Additional Point of Delivery of Water (SWPAO #07031-B)

**Location – Specific:** From the Delta to Palmdale Water District's turnout(s) located in Reach 20B of the California Aqueduct.

**Location – County:** Los Angeles County

**Description of Activity:** The amendment will include Palmdale Water District's (PWD) turnout(s) located in Reach 20B of the California Aqueduct as an additional point of delivery of water. This is to facilitate the delivery of return water from Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) to Littlerock Creek Irrigation District (LCID) under the 2007 exchange agreement among DWR, AVEK, and LCID (SWPAO #07031), as amended in 2017 (SWPAO #07031-A).

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity:** LCID (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 entirely within the SWP place of use.

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