

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Water Resources
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Project Title: El Dorado Irrigation District 2020 Reservoir Release Water Transfer

Location -- Specific: El Dorado County and the service area of Westlands Water District

Location -- County: El Dorado County

Description of Activity:

El Dorado Irrigation District (District) has requested that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) convey up to 850 acre-feet of transfer water from Weber Reservoir owned by the District to Westlands Water District (Westlands). The District also has a separate conveyance agreement with DWR and Westlands regarding the transfer of additional stored releases from Caples Lake and Silver Lake. The combined maximum transfer amount from Weber Reservoir, Caples Lake and Silver Lake will be 8,421 acre-feet. The point of transfer will be Folsom Lake Reservoir. The transfer water will flow to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, where DWR will export the transfer water using the State Water Project Banks Pumping Plant and convey it to Westlands' service area.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: El Dorado Irrigation District, DWR, and Westlands Water District

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial 15268);
- Declared Emergency 15269(a));
- Emergency Project; (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(c);
- Categorical Exemption. Use of existing facilities: Sec. 15301
- Statutory Exemption California Water Code §1729. See also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15282, subd. (u).

Reasons why project is exempt:

The District filed a Petition for Temporary Change with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on April 1, 2020, pursuant to Water Code § 1725 *et seq.* The SWRCB approved the transfer on June 1, 2020. In accordance with Water Code § 1729, temporary changes filed in accordance with Water Code, § 1725, *et seq.* (Temporary Changes) are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. (Pub. Resources Code, § 2100; see also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15282, subd. (u).)

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