

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**From:** Department of Water Resources  
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**Project Title:** Foresthill Public Utility District 2020 Reservoir Release Water Transfer

**Location -- Specific:** Placer County and the service area of Westlands Water District

**Location -- County:** Placer County

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** Foresthill Public Utility District (District) has requested that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) convey up to 2,000 acre-feet of transfer water from District's Sugar Pine Reservoir to Westlands Water District (Westlands). The point of transfer will be Folsom Lake Reservoir. The transfer water will flow to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, where DWR will pump 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:** Foresthill Public Utility District, Department of Water Resources, 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 May 13, 2020, pursuant to Water Code § 1725 *et seq.* The SWRCB approved the transfer on July 23, 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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