

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Water Resources
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Project Title: Placer County Water Agency 2020 Reservoir Release Water Transfer

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

Location -- County: Placer County

Description of Activity: Placer County Water Agency (Agency) has requested that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) convey up to 20,000 acre-feet of transfer water from Agency’s French Meadows and Hell Hole Reservoirs 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: Placer County Water Agency, 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 Agency filed a Petition for Temporary Change with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on May 22, 2020, pursuant to Water Code § 1725 *et seq.* The SWRCB approved the transfer on July 27, 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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