

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Department of Water Resources
State Water Project Analysis Office
1416 9th Street
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Project Title: City of Sacramento 2020 Groundwater Substitution Water Transfer

Location – Specific: Sacramento County in the American River Watershed

Location – County: Sacramento County

Description of Activity:

The City of Sacramento (City) is conducting a one-year 2020 groundwater substitution water transfer. The City will pump an additional 14,000 acre-feet of groundwater from July through November 2020 to substitute for reduced deliveries of surface water. With 13 percent streamflow depletion, up to 12,180 acre-feet of surface water foregone by the City will enter the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta). After Delta carriage water, DWR will export the remaining amount through Banks Pumping Plant and deliver to Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD), County of Kings (KC), Alameda County Water District (ACWD) and Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) during July through November 2020.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: City, ACWD, DRWC, KC, KCWA, and DWR

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facility
- Statutory Exemption California Water Code §1729. See also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15282, subd. (u).

Reason why activity is exempt:

The City filed a Petition for Temporary Change with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on May 1, 2020, pursuant to Water Code § 1725 *et seq.* The SWRCB approved the transfer on July 6, 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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