



## Notice of Exemption

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Date: October 15, 2020

**Project Title:** Point of Delivery (POD) amendment time extension between Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) and Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) for the Zone 7-Semitropic Water Banking and Exchange Program

**Project Location – Specific:** State Water Project (SWP) facilities and the Zone 7 intake and delivery systems.

**Project Location – City:** Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton

**Project Location – County:** Alameda County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** It is the intent of the parties to do a 10-year time extension for an existing Point of Delivery (POD) agreement (#04017) between Zone 7 Water Agency and Semitropic Water District (Semitropic; a member unit of Kern County Water Agency) consistent with the guidelines communicated by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) which allow Zone 7 to send water to the Semitropic water storage bank for storage and recover it. There will be no construction as part of this Project, but rather this will result in continuation of currently permitted activity. The Project consists of a time extension to allow Zone 7 to continue sending water to Semitropic for storage up to 2030. Recovery of water must occur by 2035 per the agreement.

**Name of Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project:** The amendment for extension of time will be signed by Zone 7, KCWA, Department of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Project Analysis Office (SWAPO).

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Use of Existing Facilities.
- Statutory Exemptions. Water Code § 1729, Temporary Change; CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(u).

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The extension for time continues currently permitted activity through existing facilities and does not involve any new construction.

This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines as follows:

- 15301 (b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.

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| <i>Environmental Services:</i> |                                   |
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|                                | Zone 7 Water Agency               |

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