

## Notice of Exemption

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From: CA Department of Water Resources  
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**Project Title:** *Delta Conveyance Program Dudley Ridge Supplemental Funding Agreement*

**Project Applicant:** Department of Water Resources

**Project Location - Specific:** N/A

**Project Location (City):** N/A

**Project Location - County:** N/A

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** This action is to execute funding agreements with Dudley Ridge Water District. This agreement will provide DWR with funding for the environmental review and planning associated with a Delta Conveyance Project. This action is not a "project" as that term is defined in CEQA.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Department of Water Resources

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project:** Department of Water Resources

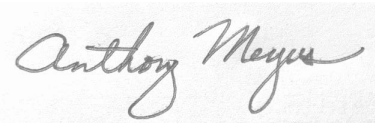
**Exempt Status:** The action is not a "project" as defined in Section 15378. In the alternative even if the action was a project, it would be exempt under Statutory Exemptions 15061, subd.(b)(3) (common sense) and 15262, and Categorical Exemption 15306.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The proposed action is not defined as a "project" under CEQA (Public Resources Code Section 21065, State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378) because the proposed action will not cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and involves continuing administrative or maintenance activities (Section 15378(b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines). In addition, the proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA because it involves other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment (Section 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines). Furthermore, where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the proposed activity is not subject to CEQA (Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines). In the *DCP Dudley Ridge Supplemental Funding Agreements Notice of Exemption from CEQA*

alternative, and even if the proposed action was a project under CEQA, the action is statutorily exempt under Section 15262 for feasibility and planning studies and categorically exempt under Section 15306 for information collection. The action is not an adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities, but rather to provide funding for appropriate feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions that DWR has not approved, adopted or funded. The overall activities involve carrying out future studies and environmental analyses for proposed projects that consist of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities qualifying for a Class 6 Categorical Exemption (Section 15306), which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and for which none of the exceptions to the exemptions apply.

**Lead Agency Contact Person and Phone Number:** Anthony Meyers (916) 919-7171

Signed by Lead Agency



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Date

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code. Revised 2011