



Notice of Exemption

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County of Alameda
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Date: April 27, 2021

Project Title: Agreement between Mojave Water Agency and Zone 7 Water Agency for a Water Transfer.

Project Location – Specific: Mojave Water Agency (“MWA”) is a State Water Project (“SWP”) contractor located in San Bernardino County. The Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District – Zone 7 (“Zone 7 Water Agency” or “Zone 7”) is a SWP contractor located in Alameda County. The California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) is headquartered in Sacramento, California. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California.

Project Location – County: San Bernardino and Alameda Counties.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Water agencies are requesting approval of a transfer of SWP water according to Article 56(d) of its water supply contract with DWR. The water included in this transfer is a portion of the SWP water allocated in 2021 to MWA by DWR.

Based on the DWR Notice to Contractors #21-06 dated March 3, 2021, the SWP allocation for 2021 is 5% of Table A amounts for MWA and Zone 7. MWA will make available up to 4,490 AF of its Table A allocation for 2021 to Zone 7 as described in the attached agreement.

Name of Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project: The agreement for the Water Exchange will be signed by Zone 7 and MWA.

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 water exchange represents a temporary change of point of diversion, place of use, and/or purpose of use involving a transfer or exchange of water or water rights for a period of one year or less through existing facilities.

The project qualifies for a Statutory Exemption under CEQA Guidelines as follows:

- 15282 (u) Temporary changes in the point of diversion, place of use, of purpose of use due to a transfer or exchange of water or water rights as set forth in Section 1729 of the Water Code.

Furthermore,

- No construction is required to implement the project.
- No adverse environmental impacts have been identified with implementation of the project.

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Signature:	
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