

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Water Resource
State Water Project Analysis Office
1416 9th Street
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Project Title: Introduction and Conveyance of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Non-SWP water in the California Aqueduct (SWPAO #21006)

Location – Specific: Reach 28H of the California Aqueduct

Location – County: Los Angeles County

Description of Activity: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWDSC) plans to deliver up to 100,000 acre-feet of its water stored in the Diamond Valley Lake ("Non-Project Water") to MWDSC's Box Spring Feeder Turnout located in Reach 28H of the California Aqueduct. MWDSC will make the Non-Project Water available in the California Aqueduct via its Perris Bypass Pipeline for subsequent delivery by DWR to MWDSC's Box Springs Feeder turnout in Reach 28H of the California Aqueduct through March 31, 2022. This is to improve operational flexibility in the event of potential continued drought condition by meeting demands at MWDSC's Henry J. Mills Water Treatment Plant.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity: DWR (Responsible Agency)

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility
- Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729

Reason why activity is exempt:

- a. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities involving no expansion of use.
- b. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.
- c. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.

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