

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**From:** Department of Water Resource  
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**Project Title:** Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement between Department of Water Resources of the State of California and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for Introduction and Conveyance of Non-Project Water in the State Water Project Facilities (SWPAO #21006-B)

**Location – Specific:** Reach 28H of the California Aqueduct

**Location – County:** Los Angeles County

**Description of Activity:** This Amendment (SWPAO #21006-B) amends the “Agreement between Department of Water Resources of the State of California and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for Introduction and Conveyance of Non-Project Water in the State Water Project Facilities (SWPAO #21006)” by 1) increasing the amount of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California’s (MWDSC) Non-Project Water introduced into/conveyed through the California Aqueduct to 140,000 acre-feet; and 2) extending the term through March 31, 2023.

The original Agreement, SWPAO #21006, executed May 5, 2021 and amended on June 17, 2021, sets forth the terms and conditions for the introduction and conveyance of up to 100,000 acre-feet of MWDSC’s Non-Project Water in the California Aqueduct through March 31, 2022. This Non-Project Water is MWDSC’s stored water in Diamond Valley Lake, which is introduced into the California Aqueduct via reverse flow operations from Diamond Valley Lake through MWDSC’s Inland Feeder, Lakeview Pipeline, and Perris Bypass Pipeline for subsequent delivery by the Department of Water Resources of the State of California (DWR) to the Box Springs Feeder Turnout located in Reach 28H of the California Aqueduct.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity:** MWDSC (Lead Agency), 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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