



Notice of Exemption

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Date: June 22, 2021

Project Title: Agreement between Mojave Water Agency and Zone 7 Water Agency for Transfer of Article 56 Carryover Water

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: Zone 7 and MWA are SWP Contractors that receive imported water deliveries from the SWP. MWA and Zone 7 each have water supply contracts with DWR for water from the SWP. Given the 2021 SWP allocation of only 5%, Zone 7 is anticipating the need of additional surface water in 2021 to meet its projected demands. MWA has a portion of its Article 56 Carryover Water available for delivery to Zone 7 in 2021. Under this agreement, MWA will make available 3,600 AF of MWA’s Article 56 Carryover Water for transfer to Zone 7 in 2021. Water will be delivered using existing SWP facilities, and in a manner similar to other deliveries from the SWP.

Name of Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project: The agreement for the transfer will be signed by Zone 7 and MWA, and the water transfer is subject to approval by the Department of Water Resources.

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

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Because all of the water delivered to Zone 7 from MWA pursuant to this Transfer will be delivered through existing facilities, without the construction of additional facilities to effect such deliveries, the transfer of water described herein constitutes a project that is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (Use of Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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