

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Way
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): Palmdale Water District
2029 East Ave Q
Palmdale, CA 93550
(Address)

Project Title: Transfer of State Water Project water between Mojave Water Agency(MWA) and Palmdale Water District(PWD).

Project Applicant: Palmdale Water District

Project Location - Specific:

State Water Project turnouts located in PWD's and MWA's Service areas.

Project Location - City: Various Project Location - County: Los Angeles and San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

MWA and PWD are SWP Contractors that receive imported water deliveries from the SWP; each has a water supply contract with DWR for water from the SWP. Given the 2021 SWP allocation of only 5%, PWD 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 PWD in 2021. Under this agreement, MWA will make available 3,333 AF of MWA's Article 56 Carryover Water for transfer to PWD in 2021. PWD will make available up to 3,333 AF of SWP water for transfer to MWA by 2035. Water will be delivered using existing SWP facilities, and in a manner similar to other deliveries from the SWP.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Palmdale Water District, Mojave Water Agency and the California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Palmdale Water District

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15061(b) Use of Existing Facilities
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

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

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Peter Thompson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (661)456-1072

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 7-19-21 Title: Resource Director
Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.