

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**To:** Office of Planning & Research  
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**From:** Mojave Water Agency  
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**To:** San Bernardino County Clerk's Office  
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**To:** Kern County Clerk  
1115 Truxtun Ave. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**Project Title:** Transfer of Article 56 Carryover Water from Mojave Water Agency to Four Member Units of the Kern County Water Agency.

**Location -- Specific:** Mojave Water Agency (“MWA”) is a State Water Project (“SWP”) contractor located in San Bernardino County. Kern County Water Agency (“KCWA”) is a SWP contractor located in Kern County. The California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) is headquartered in Sacramento, California. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California.

**Location -- County:** San Bernardino and Kern Counties.

**Description of Activity:** MWA and KCWA are SWP Contractors that receive imported water deliveries from the SWP. MWA and KCWA each have water supply contracts with DWR for water from the SWP. MWA will make available 7,184 acre-feet (AF) of its SWP water to four member units of KCWA (Belridge Water Storage District [“BWSD”], Berrenda Mesa Water District [“BMWD”], Lost Hills Water District [“LHWD”], and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District [“WRMWSO”]) in accordance with Article 56(c) of MWA’s water supply contract with DWR. The water included in this transfer is a portion of the Article 56 Carryover Water storage available to MWA in 2021. The water will be used to meet current year shortages within the four cited Member Units within KCWA. Water will be delivered using existing SWP facilities, and in a manner similar to other deliveries from the SWP.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity:** Mojave Water Agency (Lead Agency), KCWA, BWSD, BMWD, LHWD, WRMWSO, and DWR (Responsible Agencies).

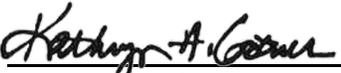
**Exempt Status:** *(check one)*

- 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(b) (Use of Existing Facilities).
- Statutory Exemption.**

**Reasons why activity is exempt:** Because all of the water delivered to the Four Member

Units of KCWA from MWA 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.

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