

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**From:** Department of Water Resource  
State Water Project Analysis Office  
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**Project Title:** Transfer of 7,184 Acre-Feet of Mojave Water Agency's Article 56 Carryover Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #21026).

**Location – Specific:** From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnouts located on the California Aqueduct.

**Location – County:** Kern County

**Description of Activity:** The proposed project is the transfer of 7,184 acre-feet of Mojave Water Agency's (MWA) Article 56 Carryover Water, stored in the San Luis Reservoir, to KCWA. The delivery of MWA's transferred Article 56 Carryover Water to KCWA will be completed by December 31, 2021.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity:** MWA (lead agency), DWR (responsible agency), and KCWA

**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. State Water Project long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers and exchanges of Article 56 Carryover Water between SWP Contractors.
- b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery.
- c. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed change in points of delivery.
- d. There will be no change in land use.

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