

## 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 1,310 Acre-Feet of Mojave Water Agency's Article 56 Carryover Water to Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (SWPAO #21023).

**Location – Specific:** From Delta to Reach 33A of the California Aqueduct's Coastal Branch.

**Location – County:** Santa Barbara County

**Description of Activity:** The proposed project is the transfer of 1,310 acre-feet of Mojave Water Agency's (MWA) Article 56 Carryover Water, stored in the San Luis Reservoir, to Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Santa Barbara). The delivery of MWA's transferred Article 56 Carryover Water to Santa Barbara will be completed by December 31, 2021.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity:** CCWA, Mojave, and 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. State Water Project long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers 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. The proposed project is intended to meet the existing uses of water and will not result in a change in land use.

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