

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**From:** Department of Water Resources  
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**Project Title:** Multi-Year Agreement among the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for the Change in Point of Delivery of a Portion of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's State Water Project Water Supplies (SWPAO #21032).

**Location – Specific:** From the Delta to Devil Canyon Powerplant turnout(s) located on Reach 26A of the California Aqueduct

**Location -- County:** San Bernardino

**Description of Activity:** DWR will allow a change in points of delivery for up to a combined total of 100,000 acre-feet per year of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWDSC) and/or San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's (SBVMWD) approved State Water Project (SWP) Water to Devil Canyon Powerplant turnout(s) located at Reach 26A for subsequent delivery to their respective service areas via MWDSC's and/or SBVMWD's existing water conveyance and distribution systems through November 4, 2035.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity:** MWDSC, SBVMWD, and DWR

**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. The proposed project is a water management operation using only existing facilities.
- b. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.
- c. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.

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