

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

(Address)

Project Title: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Temporary Transfer from New Melones Reservoir

Project Applicant: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

Project Location - Specific:

New Melones Reservoir

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Stanislaus, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Reclamation proposes to transfer up to 30,000 acre-feet (af) of water from New Melones Reservoir to Westlands Water District and south-of-Delta Central Valley Project contractors under Reclamation's Permit 16597. The Westlands portion of up to 16,000 af was approved. The south-of-Delta portion of up to 14,000 af was denied.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Reclamation

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. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: section 15282(u), CA Water Code section 1729

Reasons why project is exempt:

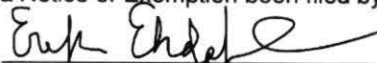
Temporary transfers of water under Water Code section 1725, et seq., are exempt from the requirements of Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) of the Public Resources Code (CEQA Guidelines section 15282).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Patricia Fernandez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 319-9141

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:  Date: OCT 14 2021 Title: Dep. Dir. Div. Wtr. Rts

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____