

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Water Resource
State Water Project Analysis Office
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Project Title: Mojave Water Agency - Palmdale Water District Water Transfer Package (SWPAO #21029 and SWPAO #21030).

Location – Specific: From Delta to Palmdale Water District's turnouts located on the California Aqueduct.

Location – County: Los Angeles County

Description of Activity: The project is a Transfer Package comprised of: (1) transfer of 3,333 acre-feet of Mojave Water Agency's (MWA) Article 56 Carryover Water, stored in the San Luis Reservoir, to Palmdale Water District (PWD) by December 31, 2021 (SWPAO #21029), and (2) transfer of 3,333 acre-feet of PWD's future approved Table A Water to MWA during wetter years, but no later than 2035 (SWPAO #21030).

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

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 between State Water Project Contractors.
- b. No construction is required to implement the proposed transfer and 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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