

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Mono

From: (Public Agency): _____
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights, 1001 I St., Sac., CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Petitions for Temporary Change Involving Transfer and Instream Flow Dedication

Project Applicant: Walker River Irrigation District

Project Location - Specific:

The Walker River from Topaz Reservoir and Bridgeport Reservoir to Walker Lake.

Project Location - City: Bridgeport & Topaz, CA Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Walker River Irrigation District filed petitions for temporary change involving the transfer of up to 25,000 acre-feet of water for instream flow dedication under Licenses 6000 and 9407. The purpose of the transfer is to assist with increasing the flow into Walker Lake for environmental restoration in the Walker River Basin.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Walker River Irrigation District

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: 15307 and 15308
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: California Water Code section 1729

Reasons why project is exempt:


Statutory exemption under CA Water Code section 1729. Categorical exemption under section 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources) and section 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment). The purpose of the project is for environmental and natural resource protection.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Scott McFarland Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-341-5390

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: **FEB 23 2022** 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: _____