NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Department of Water Resource
State Water Project Analysis Office
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Project Title: Transfer of 571 Acre-Feet of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's Article 56 Carryover Water to Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (SWPAO #21035).

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

Location – County: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego Counties

Description of Activity: The project is for the transfer of 571 acre-feet of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's (SBVMWD) Article 56 Carryover Water, stored in the San Luis Reservoir, to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWDSC). The delivery of SBVMWD's transferred Article 56 Carryover Water to MWDSC will be completed by December 31, 2021.

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

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 for 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. There will be no change in land use.

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