

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Mojave Water Agency
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To: County of San Bernardino
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Project Title: Transfer of State Water Project Water from Mojave Water Agency to Zone 7 Water Agency.

Location -- Specific: Mojave Water Agency (“MWA”) is a State Water Project (“SWP”) contractor located in San Bernardino County. The Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District – Zone 7 (“Zone 7 Water Agency” or “Zone 7”) is a SWP contractor located in Alameda County. The California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) is headquartered in Sacramento, California. The SWP includes facilities located throughout the State of California.

Location -- County: San Bernardino and Alameda Counties.

Description of Activity: MWA and Zone 7 are SWP Contractors that receive imported water deliveries from the SWP; each has a water supply contract with DWR for water from the SWP. Given the 2022 SWP allocation of only 5%, Zone 7 is anticipating the need of additional surface water in 2022 to meet its projected demands. MWA has a portion of its State Water Project water available for transfer to Zone 7 in 2022. Under this agreement, MWA will make available 1,500 AF of its SWP water for transfer to Zone 7 in 2022. Water will be delivered using existing SWP facilities, and in a manner similar to other deliveries from the SWP.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: The agreement for the Water Transfer will be signed by MWA and Zone 7 and is subject to approval by DWR.

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.** CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(b) (Use of Existing Facilities).
- Statutory Exemption.**

Reasons why activity is exempt: Because all of the water made available for transfer to Zone 7 from MWA pursuant to this Water Transfer will be delivered through existing facilities, without the construction of additional facilities to effect such deliveries, the transfer of water described herein constitutes a project that is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301(b) (Use of Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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