

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Water Resources
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Project Title: Non-Permanent Table A Transfer from Mojave Water Agency to Kern County Water Agency (SWP #22024).

Location – Specific: From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency’s (KCWA) turnout(s) located on the California Aqueduct and/or the California Aqueduct’s Coastal Branch.

Location – County: Kern County

Description of Activity: The project is to transfer up to 1,000 acre-feet of Mojave Water Agency’s (MWA) approved 2022 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to KCWA, on behalf of four member units of KCWA (Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District), for use in KCWA’s service area. The delivery of MWA’s 2022 Table A water to KCWA will be completed by December 31, 2022.

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

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.
- 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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