

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

<b>To:</b>	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	<b>From:</b>	Department of Water Resources Water Management 1516 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, California 95814
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<b>Project Title</b>	Change in Point of Delivery of a Portion of Alameda County Water District's State Water Project Water Supplies to Semitropic Water Storage District for Storage and Future Recovery (SWPAO #20039)
<b>Location- Specific</b>	From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) in Reaches 10A, 12E and/or 13B of the California Aqueduct, Alameda County Water District (ACWD) turnout(s) in Reaches 7 and 8 of the South Bay Aqueduct, and/or San Luis Reservoir.
<b>Location- County</b>	Kern and Alameda counties
<b>Description of Activity</b>	SWPAO Agreement #20039 authorizes delivery of ACWD's approved State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to KCWA for temporary storage in Semitropic Water Storage District through December 31, 2030, in order for ACWD to better manage its SWP water supplies and increase water reliability to help meet its water demands within its service area during periods of drought. ACWD must recover this water, minus losses, for use in its service area by December 31, 2035.
<b>Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	ACWD (lead agency), DWR (responsible agency), and KCWA
<b>Exempt Status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729
<b>Reasons why activity is exempt</b>	a. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities. b. The project will not support new development or a change in land use. c. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.
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<p>Signature:</p> <p><i>John Leahigh</i></p> <hr/> <p>John Leahigh Assistant Division Manager, Water Management Division of Operations and Maintenance State Water Project</p>	<p>Date:</p> <p>3/9/2023</p> <hr/>
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