

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	From:	Department of Water Resources Water Management 1516 9 th Street Sacramento, California 95814
Project Title	Multi-Year Introduction and Conveyance of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWDSC) Non-Project Water in State Water Project (SWP) Facilities (SWP #23007)		
Location- Specific	The delivery of Non-Project Water will be accomplished by reverse flow operations. MWDSC's Non-Project Water will flow from Diamond Valley Lake through MWDSC's Inland Feeder, Lakeview Pipeline, and DWR's Perris Bypass Pipeline for subsequent delivery by DWR through the Santa Ana Pipeline to the Box Springs Feeder Turnout located in Reach 28H of the California Aqueduct which supplies MWDSC's Henry J. Mills Water Treatment Plant.		
Location- County	Riverside		
Description of Activity	The project is for the introduction of up to 100,000 acre-feet per year of MWDSC Non-Project Water into the California Aqueduct and for the conveyance of such water to the Box Springs Feeder Turnout(s) in Reach 28H of the California Aqueduct through December 31, 2042. This Non-Project Water is MWDSC's previously stored State Water Project (SWP) water in Diamond Valley Lake, which will be the only source of water that is pumped into the California Aqueduct.		
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	MWDSC (lead agency), DWR (responsible agency)		
Exempt Status	<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 Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729		
Reasons why activity is exempt	a. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for conveyance of non-project water to 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 delivery. d. There will be no change in land use.		
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