


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
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Project Title	Amendment No.1 to the Agreement among the Department of Water Resources, Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7, and Kern County Water Agency for a Change in Point of Delivery of Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7's State Water Project Table A Water to Semitropic Water Storage District for Storage and Future Recovery (SWPAO #20035-A)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) in Reaches 9 through 13B of the California Aqueduct, Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7's (Zone 7) turnout(s) in Reaches 1 through 6 of the South Bay Aqueduct, and/or San Luis Reservoir.
Location- County	Kern and Alameda Counties
Description of Activity	<p>The Amendment, SWPAO #20035-A, amends SWPAO #20035 to allows for Zone 7's Article 56 Carryover Water and Article 21 Interruptible Water to be delivered to Kern County Water Agency(KCWA) for temporary storage in the groundwater basins underlying Semitropic Water Storage District (Semitropic), a member unit of KCWA, from March 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.</p> <p>The original Agreement, SWPAO #20035, executed April 15, 2021, sets forth the terms and conditions for the delivery of a portion of Zone 7's approved State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to KCWA for storage in and later recovery from Semitropic. SWPAO #20035 allows the delivery of Zone 7's approved SWP Table A water for temporary storage in Semitropic through December 31, 2030 and the future recovery of the stored water to Zone 7's service area by December 31, 2035.</p>
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	KCWA (lead agency), DWR (responsible agency), Reclamation
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 facility <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729
Reasons why activity is exempt	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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