

**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>	Temporary Additional Point of Delivery of Palmdale Water District's State Water Project Water Supplies to Littlerock Creek Irrigation District's Turnout for Storage and Future Recovery from the Adjudicated Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin (SWP #23023)
<b>Location- Specific</b>	From the Delta to Littlerock Creek Irrigation District's (LCID) turnout at Reach 21 of the California Aqueduct.
<b>Location- County</b>	Los Angeles County
<b>Description of Activity</b>	The project is a temporary additional point of delivery of a portion of Palmdale Water District's (PWD) State Water Project (SWP) water supplies to LCID's turnout located in Reach 21 of the California Aqueduct during 2023. This turnout directly feeds into an adjudicated groundwater basin in the Antelope Valley region (Adjudicated Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin), where PWD can store its SWP water supplies for later recovery for use in its service area.
<b>Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	PWD (lead agency), LCID, and DWR (responsible agency)
<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 Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729
<b>Reasons why activity is exempt</b>	a. SWP 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 delivery. d. There will be no change in land use.
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