

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Kern
1115 Truxtun Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639

From: (Public Agency): Palmdale Water District
2029 East Ave Q
Palmdale, CA 93550
(Address)

Project Title: Transfer and Banking of Water Supplies-Palmdale Water District and Kern County Water
Project Applicant: Palmdale Water District

Project Location - Specific: Palmdale Water District(PWD) and Kern County Water Agency(KCWA) are both State Water Project (SWP) contractors. PWD is located in Los Angeles County and KCWA in Kern County.

Project Location - City: Various Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: PWD will transfer up to 15,000 AF of PWD's 2023 Table A allocation to KCWA. The water will be delivered for the beneficial use of KCWA's customers. In exchange prior to 12/1/2027 KCWA will repay PWD one AF of water for every two AF delivered via this exchange. All water will be delivered using existing SWP Facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: PWD, KCWA and Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: PWD, KCWA and Department of Water Resources

- Exempt Status: (check one):
[] Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
[] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
[] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1(b), Section 15301
[] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

- Reasons why project is exempt:
1. The exchange between PWD and KCWA will use existing SWP facilities only.
2. KCWA is serving existing customers and land uses with this exchange water.
3. PWD does not have an intended use for the water being exchanged, during the relevant time period.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Claudia Bolanos Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (661) 456-1092

If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [] Yes [] No

Signature: Claudia Bolanos Date: 08/15/2023 Title: Resource and Analytics Supervisor

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.