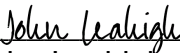


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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	Storage of a Portion of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWDSC) SWP Water Supplies in Irvine Ranch Water District's (IRWD) Groundwater Banking Program (SWP #23012)		
Location- Specific	The delivery of Project Water will be accomplished by the delivery of MWDSC's approved SWP water supplies to Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) for temporary storage in IRWD's Water Bank in Kern County. Recovery of MWDSC's banked water (minus appropriate storage loss) will be accomplished by KCWA on behalf of MWDSC by the direct introduction/pump-in of MWDSC's banked water into the California Aqueduct, or by an operational exchange whereby KCWA retains MWDSC's banked water in exchange for delivery of KCWA's Table A water and/or Article 56 Carryover Water to MWDSC. Recovered water can either be directly delivered to MWDSC's turnout(s) or placed in temporary storage in San Luis Reservoir for subsequent delivery to MWDSC's service area.		
Location- County	Kern, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties		
Description of Activity	SWP #23012 authorizes delivery of MWDSC's approved State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to KCWA for temporary storage in IRWD's Groundwater Banking Program for a period of up to 12 months from the effective date, in order for MWDSC 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. MWDSC must recover this water, minus losses, for use in its service area by December 31, 2026.		
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	<p>a. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities with no expansion of use.</p> <p>b. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.</p>		

	c. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.
Responsible Agency Contact Person	Patrick Luzuriaga Telephone: 916-820-7778

Signature:  _____ John Leahigh Assistant Division Manager, Water Management Division of Operations and Maintenance State Water Project	Date: 10/2/2023 _____
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