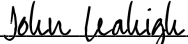


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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	Agreement Among the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7's (Zone 7) and Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) for a Multi-Year Transfer and Storage of a Portion of Zone 7's State Water Project (SWP) Water in Cawelo Water District's Water Banking and Exchange Program (SWP #23025)		
Location- Specific	Zone 7's SWP water will be delivered for storage in the Cawelo Water District's Water Banking and Exchange Program in Kern County and a portion will subsequently be recovered for delivery via SWP facilities for use within Zone 7's service area in Alameda County.		
Location- County	Kern County, Alameda County		
Description of Activity	The project is for the delivery and storage of up to 30,000 acre-feet of Zone 7's SWP Water to Cawelo's Water Banking and Exchange Program in any year and for the recovery of a portion of that stored water less applicable losses through December 31, 2035. The project is a continuation of an existing water banking and exchange program with no expansion of use.		
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	Zone 7 (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. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers between SWP contractors and for temporary storage in groundwater storage facilities.</p> <p>b. The Cawelo Water District-Zone 7 Water Banking and Transfer Program is an existing water management program that was subject to CEQA review (SCH #2006012136).</p> <p>c. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery.</p> <p>d. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified to implement the proposed delivery.</p>		

	e. There will be no change in land use.
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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