



California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Exemption

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Project Name: MWD-KCWA-DWR Point of Delivery Agreement

Project Location - Specific: 849 Allen Rd, Bakersfield, CA 93314

Project Location - City: Bakersfield **Project Location - County:** Kern County

Description of Project: A Point of Delivery Agreement between California Department of Water Resources (DWR), Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) is approved to deliver Metropolitan's State Water Project (SWP) water supplies to Irvine Ranch Water District's (IRWD) banks in Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (RRBWS), a member unit of KCWA. In 2011, a Coordinated Operating, Water Storage, Exchange, and Delivery Agreement was entered into between Metropolitan and IRWD to manage the SWP water acquired and banked by IRWD in RRBWS for the benefit of IRWD and Metropolitan. This year Metropolitan has a need to deliver 450 acre-feet of Metropolitan Table A supplies to IRWD's banks to facilitate a carryover exchange with Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA). This Point of Delivery Agreement between the agencies will allow Metropolitan supplies to be delivered to IRWD's banks for this exchange with CCWA, as well as for any other exchanges that may occur in the future. The Point of Delivery agreement will cover deliveries of Metropolitan supplies to IRWD's banks through 2030 and recovery of delivered water through 2035.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Exempt Status: (check as applicable)

- Ministerial (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Not a Project (Public Resources Code § 21065, State CEQA Guidelines § 15378)
- Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(2); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines)
- Categorical Exemption, Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Section 15301)
- Statutory Exemption, State CEQA Guidelines
- Other, State CEQA Guidelines

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographic features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sean Carlson at 213-217-76276

Signature: _____

Date: October 3, 2023

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