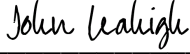


**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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<b>Project Title</b>	Extension of Delivery Term of SCVWD's CVP Water to Semitropic for Storage under SWPAO #11012 (SWPAO #11012-A)
<b>Location- Specific</b>	From O'Neill Forebay to KCWA's turnouts in Reaches 10A, 12E, and/or 13B of the California Aqueduct
<b>Location- County</b>	Kern County and Santa Clara County
<b>Description of Activity</b>	<p>The original Agreement, the "Multi-year Conveyance Agreement among the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, Santa Clara Valley Water District and Kern County Water Agency for the Semitropic Water Banking Program" (SWPAO #11012), executed on November 22, 2011, set forth the terms and conditions for DWR to deliver a portion of Santa Clara Valley Water District's (SCVWD) approved Central Valley Project (CVP) water supplies to Semitropic Water Storage District (Semitropic), a member unit of Kern County Water Agency (KCWA), for storage and future recovery. This Agreement provided for the conveyance of SCVWD's CVP water to Semitropic through December 31, 2022 and recovery by December 31, 2035.</p> <p>This Amendment, SWPAO #11012-A, extends the delivery of SCVWD's CVP water by DWR to Semitropic for storage through December 31, 2027. The extension of the delivery term for five years constitutes continuation of existing operations and is within the scope of the environmental analysis included in the 1997 Initial Study and Negative Declaration, prepared by Semitropic, as the lead agency, for SCVWD's participation in the Semitropic Water Banking Program through 2035 (SCH #1997041080). Water will continue to be conveyed through existing facilities with no expansion of existing use.</p>
<b>Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity</b>	SCVWD (lead agency), KCWA, 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>	<p>a. State Water Project long-term water supply contract includes provisions for conveyance of non-project water to SWP contractors.</p> <p>b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery.</p>

	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.
<b>Responsible Agency Contact Person</b>	Patrick Luzuriaga Telephone: 916-820-7778
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