

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title	Transfer of Palmdale Water District's State Water Project 2023 Table A Water to Ventura County Watershed Protection District (SWP #23044)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Ventura County Watershed Protection District's turnout(s) at Reach 29H and/or Reach 30 of the California Aqueduct's West Branch
Location- County	Ventura County
Description of Activity	SWP Agreement #23044 provides for the non-permanent transfer of up to 2,000 acre-feet of Palmdale Water District's 2023 Table A Water to Ventura County Watershed Protection District, on behalf of its member unit, United Water Conservation District, through December 31, 2023.
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	Palmdale Water District (lead agency), Ventura County Watershed Protection District, and 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	a. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers between SWP contractors. b. No construction is required to implement the proposed delivery. 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.
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