

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, Palmdale Water District and Kern County Water Agency for a Short-Term Transfer and Storage of a Portion of Palmdale Water District's State Water Project (SWP) Water Supplies in Semitropic Water Storage District's Water Banking and Exchange Program (SWP #23039)		
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Kern County Water Agency's (KCWA) turnout(s) in Reach 9 to 13B of the California Aqueduct and Palmdale Water District's (Palmdale) turnout(s) in Reach 20B of the California Aqueduct		
Location- County	Los Angeles, and Kern Counties		
Description of Activity	The project is for the delivery of up to 16,000 acre-feet of Palmdale's SWP Water supplies to the KCWA. For every two acre-foot of Palmdale's SWP Water delivered, one acre-foot will be delivered for storage in the Semitropic Water Banking for later recovery by Palmdale of that stored water less applicable losses through December 31, 2027. The other acre-foot will be transferred to KCWA on behalf of Semitropic. All deliveries are to be made by February 1, 2024.		
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	Palmdale Water District (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	a. SWP long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use, including transfers between SWP contractors and temporary storage in groundwater storage facilities. 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.		
Responsible Agency Contact Person	Patrick Luzuriaga Telephone: 916-820-7778		

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