

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	Office of Planning and Research Post Office Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812	From:	Department of Water Resources Water Management P.O BOX 942836 Sacramento, California 94236-0001
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Project Title	Amendment to add an additional point of delivery to SWPAO #14021 (SWPAO #14021-A)
Location- Specific	From the Delta to Palmdale Water District's (Palmdale's) turnout(s) in Reach 20B of the California Aqueduct and/or Littlerock Creek Irrigation District's (LCID) turnout(s) in Reach 21 of the California Aqueduct.
Location- County	Los Angeles County
Description of Activity	<p>The original Letter Agreement, SWPAO #14021, executed on September 3, 2015, sets forth the terms and conditions for the delivery of up to 115 acre-feet of LCID's 2014 State Water Project (SWP) Table A water to Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) by December 31, 2014. In exchange, AVEK shall return an equal amount, up to 115 acre-feet, of its future allocation of Table A water to LCID by December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Due to operational constraints, LCID is currently unable to receive direct water deliveries from the SWP facilities into its service area through LCID's turnout(s) in Reach 21 of the California Aqueduct. In order to facilitate the delivery of return water from AVEK to LCID, LCID intends to use Palmdale's turnout(s) located in Reach 20B of the California Aqueduct as an additional point of delivery. A long-term agreement entitled "Agreement among Department of Water Resources, State of California, Littlerock Creek Irrigation District and Palmdale Water District for a Change in Point of Delivery of a Portion of Littlerock's State Water Project Entitlement Water," executed February 22, 1996, allows the delivery of LCID's SWP water to Palmdale's turnout(s) in Reach 20B through December 31, 2035. The water delivered through Palmdale's turnout(s) for LCID will be treated by Palmdale at its water treatment plant and then will be delivered by Palmdale to LCID for use within LCID's service area.</p> <p>This Amendment, SWPAO #14021-A, approves the addition of Palmdale's turnout(s) located in Reach 20B of the California Aqueduct as an additional point of delivery for AVEK to return water to Littlerock Creek Irrigation District (LCID) under the SWPAO #14021 exchange agreement.</p>
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	AVEK (lead agency), LCID, Palmdale, 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 facility <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729
Reasons why activity is exempt	a. State Water Project long-term water supply contracts include provisions for delivery within SWP place of use. 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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