

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 95814
Project Title	Letter Agreement between the Department of Water Resources and Thermalito Water and Sewer District for the temporary continued use of Oroville Division Facilities for the Transportation and Exchange of Concow Reservoir Water through Thermalito Power Canal		
Location- Specific	State Water Project facilities at Lake Oroville and Thermalito Irrigation District water delivery area.		
Location- County	Butte County		
Description of Activity	This letter agreement provides for the interim continued operations pursuant to the expired 1965 Contract between the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Thermalito Water and Sewer District (TWSD) while the parties coordinate on developing a new long-term agreement. Existing operations pursuant to the 1965 Contract include transportation and exchange of TWSD's Concow Reservoir water through DWR's State Water Project facilities at Lake Oroville.		
Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity	Thermalito Irrigation District (lead agency), Department of Water Resources (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	<p>a. No construction is required to implement the continued transportation of water.</p> <p>b. The facilities are existing facilities that have not been expanded or modified, and there will be no changes to existing operations as a result of this letter agreement.</p> <p>c. There will be no change in land use as a result of this letter agreement.</p>		
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